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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., MAY, 1895.

{ W.M. H. BARNES, EDITOR & MANAGER,
OFFICE, ST. ANN'S BUILDING.

SIXTEENTH SESSION

Grand Lodge of California, A. O. U. W.

Nine Pullman cars filled with representatives, accompanied by a number of ladies, left San Francisco at 5 p.m. on April 1st, and without detention or mishap, rolled into Los Angeles at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 2d. The local delegation, headed by James Booth, P. G. M. W., boarded the train and distributed to all a beautiful white badge, upon which an orange was emblazoned amid the emblems of the Order.

An hour later and all were housed and located, the excellent and ably conducted Hollenbeck House being headquarters, and we speak personally when we say that this hostelry deserves, as it receives, merited liberal patronage.

(Account of the Monday evening reception will be found elsewhere.)

Tuesday at 10 a.m. the Grand Lodge assembled. J. W. Ward, G. M. W., presiding, and all officers present with some 200 representatives.

The G. L. Degree was conferred upon 75, after which the reports of the Grand Officers were submitted.

The G. M. W. reported that 137 out of 222 lodges had been visited during the year; five lodges surrendered charters. He made a number of valuable suggestions and recommendations. Two new lodges were instituted during the year.

The Grand Recorder reported 391 members initiated; 242 admitted by card; 6 reinstated; total, 639; losses from various causes, including 254 by death, 1361. Total membership, 16,614; 30 assessments levied during year; \$542,100 paid to beneficiaries.

(Reports of Committees on various subjects are given in another column.)

The gist of legislation was as follows:

Adverse to bi-annual sessions of Grand Lodge and refusing to advise the Supreme Lodge to meet less frequently than at present.

PACIFIC STATES WATCHMAN again specified as official organ.

\$1,000 certificate recommended.

Sick and funeral benefits to be left to subordinate lodges.

Grand Lodge moneys must be deposited by officers in their official capacity.

Lodges may consolidate, if they so desire, with approval of G. M. W.

Proposed amendments coming before the Grand Lodge are to be submitted to the subordinate lodges, 50 days before the session, for information.

Refused to make the offices of Grand Guide, Grand Inside and Outside Watchmans, appointive.

Grand Medical Examiner to be paid 50 cents on each examination approved.

Action of Unity Lodge, No. 27, in exempt fund matter, sustained.

Action of Mt. Hamilton Lodge, in appeal of A. P. Murgotten, sustained.

Re-districting of San Francisco approved.

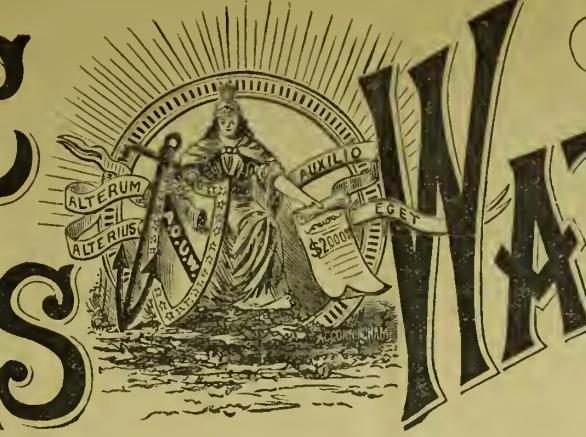
Resolutions looking to the employment of field deputies, and providing for travelling expenses, approved.

Death claims of two members supposed to have been lost at sea during the recent storms, allowed.

At the San Jose session of 1893, a resolution was adopted that only the 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ d fare (\$20) with sleeper (\$5) should be paid to delegates, but it was held by the majority that the fare both ways (\$30) should be paid, and it was so voted, which made an additional expense of some \$3,000 not expected.

Grand Foreman Toohy and Grand Overseer Vinter have been faithful aids of the G. M. W. during the term.

A communication from the P. M. W. Association recommending the restoration of the age



ASSESSMENT NOTICE FOR MAY, 1895.

Whole Number of Deaths, 2,986.

Whole Number of Assessments, 364.

ASSESSMENTS NOS. 11, 12 and 13.

Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., of California.

To all members of the A. O. U. W. of California in good standing May 1, 1895.

You are hereby notified of the following deaths occurring in our Order in this jurisdiction.

Asst. No.	NAME.	Age.	No. Death.	Date of Admission.	Date of Death.	Date of Filing	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	CAUSE.
11	Wm. H. Koon.....	56	80	Jan. 20, 1882	Feb. 21, 1894	Apr. 24, 1895	Yerba Buena.....	14	San Francisco....	Drwn'g L'st at Sea
	Thos. McCartney.....	33	81	Apr. 20, 1888	Jun. 17, "	Sept. 3, 1894	Bay View.....	153	do do	do do
	C. S. Smith.....	38	82	May 3, 1882	Dec. 7, "	Apr. 24, 1895	Valley.....	30	do do	do do
	W. P. Chamberlain	35	83	Apr. 21, 1887	Mch. 2, 1895	" 9,	Pacific.....	7	Oakland.	Inflam. of Bowels
	James W. Whalley.....	36	84	Jan. 8, 1886	" 9,	" 1,	Occidental.....	6	do	Suicide.
	John Kelly.....	57	85	Oct. 7, 1883	" 10,	Mch. 29,	Sac Mateo.....	192	San Mateo.....	Disease of Liver.
	C. H. Stevens.....	54	86	Feb. 8, 1879	" 11,	Apr. 1,	Sacramento.....	80	Sacramento	Consumpt. on.
	Thos. Falvey.....	61	87	May 1, 1880	" 15,	Mch. 30,	Vesper.....	62	Livermore.....	Heart Disease.
	Daniel E. Gordon.....	42	88	Feb. 8, 1893	" 16,	Apr. 24,	Concord.....	229	Arcoa.....	Apoplexy.
	John H. Schroeder.....	61	89	July 2, 1879	" 17,	" 12,	Valley.....	30	San Francisco....	C'n'c of Stomach.
	Geo. W. Anderson.....	59	90	July 27, 1877	" 24,	Mch. 30,	Occidental.....	6	Oakland.	Cancer.
	J. J. Robert.....	58	91	Dec. 9, 1885	" 25,	Apr. 10,	Mt. Hamilton.....	43	San Jose	Cerebral Apoplexy
	O. R. Morgan.....	64	92	Oct. 6, 1879	" 27,	" 25,	Pacific.....	7	Oakland.	Capil. Brouchtis.
	Thos. Bradley.....	48	93	Jun. 10, 1878	" 28,	" 24,	Oak Leaf.....	35	do	Cancer.
	A. S. Dennis.....	60	94	Mar. 22, 1878	" 31,	" 24,	Redwood.....	25	Redwood City....	Peritonitis
	L. E. Yates.....	63	95	Sept. 1, 1881	Apr. 2,	" 12,	Pacific.....	7	Oakland.....	Paralysis.
	Albert G. Anthony.....	50	96	July 20, 1877	" 3,	" 13,	Occidental.....	6	do	Inanitou.
	James K. Kelley.....	56	97	Jan. 21, 1889	" 4,	" 10,	Pasadena.....	151	Pasadena.....	Typhoid Fever.
	A. H. Cochrane.....	63	98	Feb. 2, 1881	" 4,	" 13,	Mt. Hamilton.....	43	San Jose	Pneumonia.
	Simon Simonson.....	47	99	Aug. 31, 1888	" 5,	" 15,	Franklin.....	44	San Francisco....	Consumption.
	Harrison Price.....	49	100	Sept. 1, 1880	" 6,	" 21,	Ukiah.....	33	Ukiah.....	Suicide.
	Peter J. Nagle.....	42	101	July 7, 1887	" 9,	" 24,	Santa Cruz.....	46	Santa Cruz.....	Heart Disease.
	Wm Daniels.....	46	102	Nov. 15, 1883	" 13,	" 25,	Burns.....	63	San Francisco....	Consumption.
	James R. Balch	63	103	Mar. 16, 1880	" 18,	" 25,	Weaver.....	161	Weaverville....	Apoplexy.

The above necessitates levying Assessments Nos. 11, 12 and 13, amounting to THREE DOLLARS, which must be paid to the Financier of your Lodge on or before May 28, 1895, otherwise your beneficiary certificate will stand suspended. (G. L. Const., Sec. 42, Sub-division O.)

Fraternally in C. H. and P.,

D. S. HIRSHBERG,

Grand Recorder.

Approved
WILLIAM BRODERICK,
THOMAS W. BETHELL, Finance Committee.
E. J. FENNIN,



limit to 50 years; the providing for members having no relative, kin, dependent, etc., as beneficiary, and the issuance of a \$1,000 certificate, was approved and referred to the Supreme Representatives.

Hereafter, lodges failing to have in their reports by February and August will incur a fine of ten cents per member.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Grand Master Workman—D. J. Toohy of San Francisco.

Grand Foreman—William Vinter of San Jose.

Grand Overseer—A. F. Mackey of Los Angeles.

Grand Recorder—D. S. Hirshberg of Oakland.

Grand Receiver—Samuel Booth of San Francisco.

Grand Guide—John Kastle of San Diego.

Grand Inside Watchman—George W. Evans of Monrovia.

Grand Outside Watchman—D. S. Baxter of Siskiyou.

Grand Medical Examiner—Dr. J. L. Mayon of Oakland.

Grand Trustee—P. Abrahamson of San Francisco.

Supreme Representatives—Eugene N. Deuprey, Wm. H. Barnes and J. N. Young.

Corporate Directors—J. W. Ward, D. J. Toohy, William Vinter, A. F. Mackey, D. S. Hirshberg, Samuel Booth, H. J. Norton, P. Abrahamson, J. O. Lovejoy, Daniel Sewell, W. J. Beatty.

The Grand Lodge Officers were installed by Past Grand Master Workman Boothe of Massachusetts, and Grand Master Workman Toohy then announced the following appointments:

Deputy Grand Master Workman—Frank S. Poland.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances—T. J. Shackelford, Walter Malloy, T. H. Wallis.

Committee on Laws and Amendments—L. M. Mansur, L. Nolan, G. H. Salisbury.

Committee on Finance—William Broderick, Thomas W. Bethell and E. J. Fennin.

Board of Arbitration — William H. Jordan, Edwin Danforth, James T. Rogers, George B. Katzenstein and Eugene N. Deuprey.

The next session will be held in San Francisco on the first Tuesday of April, 1896.

Remarks were made by many of the brethren at the close of work, and after a vote of thanks to the Southern brethren for their untiring courtesy and hospitalities, the Grand Lodge adjourned sine die.

A Magnificent Drill.

On Wednesday evening there was a competitive drill for uniformed degree teams from different lodges. There were two prizes offered, the best drilled team to receive a purse of \$100, and the next best one of \$50. There was considerable interest displayed as to the result and as the hall of Los Angeles Lodge, No. 55, was not large enough to accommodate the number of those who wished to be present the meeting was held in Maccabee Temple, which was well filled with members of the Order. Three candidates were initiated, and afterward many fancy and novel evolutions displayed; the judges decided that the Oakland team were entitled to the first prize, and the team from Monrovia the second.

The Oakland team was made up as follows: From Pacific Lodge, No. 7, J. W. Ward, E. J. Fennin, J. S. Gilmore; Oak Leaf, No. 35, D. S. Hirshberg, William Cogan and Brother Hall; Keystone, No. 64, J. Johnstone; Oakland, No. 2, A. A. Perry; Central, No. 251, E. G. Donovan; California, No. 1, Lawrence Nolan. J. W. Peterson, of No. 7, Captain.

The Monrovia team consisted of: Captain T. M. Monroe, H. Merrill, T. E. Guy, J. H. Gurman, Joseph Fraulob, F. M. Shrode, W. A. Taylor, J. Chambers, E. B. Norman, S. Wicks, C. A. Shrode, W. R. Whitaker, John F. Smith.

The work of both was most creditable, reflecting honor upon all concerned.

PACIFIC STATES WATCHMAN.

Grand Lodge Degree of Honor.

On Tuesday, April 16th, the Grand Lodge of the Degree of Honor convened its third annual session at Syndicate Hall in Oakland. There were fifty delegates in attendance from twenty lodges, besides a number of Past Chiefs of Honor. Mrs. J. Stewart of San Francisco, G. C. of H., presided, and the Grand Lodge Officers were in their respective chairs. The Grand Lodge Degree was conferred upon a number of candidates. Grand Master Workman Toohy, D. G. M. W. Poland, Sam Booth, P. M. W., and Wm. H. Barnes, P. G. M. W., were present at the session and some preliminary matters were discussed. During the afternoon session, J. W. Ward, P. G. M. W., Dr. Mayon, G. M. E., D. S. Hirshberg, G. R., and C. T. Johns, P. M. W., were in attendance.

The following officers were elected for ensuing year:

Past Grand Chief of Honor, Mrs. M. J. Stewart, Golden Dawn Lodge, No. 10, San Francisco.

Grand Chief of Honor, Mrs. E. Lovejoy, Minerva Lodge, No. 33, Alameda.

Grand Lady of Honor, Mrs. Masters, Magnolia Lodge, No. 34, Los Angeles.

Grand Chief of Ceremonies, Mrs. W. Polley, No. 37, Hueneme.

Grand Recorder, Mrs. Kate M. Poland, Ivy Lodge, No. 4, Oakland.

Grand Receiver, Miss M. O'Hea, Minerva Lodge, No. 33, Alameda.

Grand Usher, Mrs. Reading, No. 48, Bodie.

Grand Inside Watchman, Mrs. Joseph Harris, Ivy Lodge, No. 4, Oakland.

Grand Outside Watchman, Mrs. M. Norman, Mount Wilson Lodge, No. 40, Monrovia.

Grand Trustees, Mrs. Cora McDonald, Mrs. L. E. Drew, Mrs. Cornelius Albin.

Grand Medical Examiner, Dr. Mayon, Ivy Lodge, No. 4, Oakland.

At the afternoon session the officer elect were installed by J. W. Ward, P. G. M. W. The initiatory work was exemplified by Ivy Lodge.

The following appointments were made:

Adviser to the Chief of Honor, Judge D. J. Toohy, G. M. W.

Finance Committee—Mrs. Ida J. Bradley, Ivy Lodge, No. 4, Oakland; Mrs. E. Mayon, Ivy Lodge, No. 4, Oakland; Mrs. M. F. Hollis, Golden Dawn Lodge, No. 10, San Francisco.

Committee on Laws—D. S. Hirshberg, G. R., Mrs. Nellie G. Babcock, Silver Star Lodge, No. 2, Temescal; Mrs. Flora J. Nay, Crown of the Valley Lodge, No. 47, Pasadena.

A proposition to hold biennial sessions was lost, as was the proposition to allow all P. C. of H.'s attending the Grand Lodge to vote.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the retiring officers and Judge Toohy for their services, and the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., for favors.

Mrs. M. J. Stewart presented an encouraging report of the progress of the year. No changes were made in the beneficiary features. It was decided to hold the next session in San Francisco on the first Thursday in April, 1896. Incident to the session the guests were taken for a drive about the city.

From the Grand Chief of Honor.

No. 2223 RAILROAD AVE., ALAMEDA, }
April 23d, 1895. }

BROTHER BARNES:—I desire to occupy just space enough in this issue of the WATCHMAN to extend a fraternal greeting, not only to the members of the Degree of Honor, but to each and every brother of the A. O. U. W. In taking the important position of Grand Chief of Honor, I am conscious of the fact that I am assuming a great responsibility, and I most respectfully ask not only the assistance but the indulgence of all. I shall be guided during my administration by my sense of duty and my interpretation of what is right and just. It is but human nature to make mistakes, and I fear that ere my term is ended many may occur; but should such be the case, they will be "errors of the head and not the heart."

It is my earnest wish and desire that every Workman of California, not a member of the Degree of Honor, should pause just long enough to give the branch of the Order a careful consideration and not pass it carelessly by with the contemptuous remark "it is only a woman's lodge." That the A. O. U. W. is for the sole benefit of the Workman's family we are aware, and the fact is fully appreciated. But it is not there alone we wish the matter to rest. We, as the wives and daughters of Workmen, are not only willing but anxious to assist in carrying on the good work by inducing all the female relations of members of the A. O. U. W. to become members of the Degree of Honor.

May the officers and representatives to our recent Grand Lodge session in Oakland take home with them and impart to their respective lodges some of the good feeling and enthusiasm experienced there.

"Kindle anew the fire upon our altars," so that at our next annual gathering it may be said by the results obtained we have deserved the generosity bestowed by the Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W. Yours fraternally,

ESTHER A. LOVEJOY,
Grand Chief of Honor.

Grand Entertainment.

The entertainment and banquet given in Syndicate Hall under the auspices of the Degree of Honor lodges of Oakland, Alameda and Temescal was the most artistic and social affair ever known in the annals of the A. O. U. W. of Alameda county. The great historical, allegorical representation of noted women of all ages was one of the finest histrionic productions ever presented in the city of Oakland, not alone from its uniqueness, but also from the great artistic merit of the production and artistic ability of the participants. The author of the novel and clever production, Chief of Honor Mrs. Wood of Ivy Lodge, received the highest compliments and commendations of an exceptionally critical audience on the splendid, artistic and educational effort of which many authors of national fame might well be proud of.

The following sisters, all members of Ivy Lodge, No. 4, impersonated the different historical characters: Cornelia, Mrs. Hodges; Hypatia, Mrs. A. Wood; Cleopatra, Mrs. A. Marks; Joan of Arc, Mrs. W. J. Hall; Isabella of Castile and Aragon, Miss Ray Levy; Queen Elizabeth, Mrs. Dr. Mayon; Marie Antoinette, Miss Parkinson; Charlotte Corday, Miss Cannon; Josephine, Empress of France, Mrs. La Prince; Gypsy Queen, Mrs. Mitchell, Maria Theresa, Mrs. D. S. Hirshberg; Catherine of Russia, Mrs. William Oakes; Martha Washington, Mrs. C. L. Ingler; Florence Nightingale, Mrs. Parkinson; Grace Darling, Miss Hannon; Queen Victoria, Mrs. Sturrock; Pocahontas, Mrs. W. Moore; pages, Archie and Eddie Donaldson. One of the prettiest gems of the evening was the singing of little Miss Fulcher, maid of honor to Marie Antoinette. The arrangement of the vocal and instrumental portion of the programme was evidently the work of a master hand. Brother Hall performed the duties of courier and soldier with his usual ability and faithfulness.

Those who participated in the musical portion of the programme were: Mrs. Blake-Alverson, Miss Fulcher, Messrs. Oakes, Richards and Andrews. The dresses worn by the different artists were rich and lovely creations of the dressmaker's art. Diamonds, opals and rubies were worn in profusion. The hope is sincerely expressed that the performance will again be given in public.

The banquet held after the entertainment was an artistic and gastronomic success in every detail. The banqueting hall was elaborately decorated with evergreens and flowers and the tables were heavily laden with good things. Grand Medical Examiner Dr. Mayon acted as toast master in his usual gallant and able manner. The following toasts were responded to: "Our Guests," Grand Recorder D. S. Hirshberg; "The A. O. U. W.," Sister Wood; "The Grand Lodge," Sister Poland; "The Degree of Honor," Sister Pollard; "Our Grand Chief of Honor," Sister Probst; "Our Grand Master Workman," Sister Marks; "The Working Ladies of the Degree of Honor," Brother Ingler; "The Gentlemen," Sister Mayon; "Our Banquet," Brother Poland; "The Coming Woman," Brother Toohy, G. M. W.

Grand Chief of Honor Mrs. Stewart made some heartfelt and eloquent remarks which concluded this the most glorious affair ever held in A. O. U. W. circles in Alameda county. Whilst the banquet was in progress the young folks tripped the light fantastic in the hall below to the sweet strains of Macdonald's string band, whose services were given gratuitously.—Oakland Enquirer.

—The "Washington Workman" for April comes printed in incarnadine red ink with the news, "No assessment for April." We congratulate our brethren but the "Workman" is such an acceptable journal it would be "read" without changing the color of the ink.

—J. G.—Read the April number of the WATCHMAN. No salaries are paid to any official except the Grand Recorder and Grand Receiver, and they, in our judgment, are altogether too small for the labor and responsibility involved.

—California favors a \$1,000 certificate.

Grand Lodge of California, A. O. U. W.

Offices—Flood Building, 4th and Market St., San Francisco. D. J. Toohy, S. F., G. M. W.; Wm. Vinter, San Jose, G. F.; A. F. Mackey, Los Angeles, G. O.; D. S. Hirshberg, S. F., Grand Recorder; Samuel Booth, S. F., Grand Receiver. Next session will be held the first Tuesday in April, 1896, in San Francisco.

Receipts and Disbursements.

BENEFICIARY FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand March 1, 1895 \$ 280 00
Amount received during March, 1895 48,150 00
Received from Supreme Lodge Relief 1,749 00

Total \$50,179 00

By Warrants Issued.

Cr.

No. 4,982, Beneficiary, William Young.....	2,000 00
" 4,983, " John R. Stewart.....	2,000 00
" 4,984, " Wilkins Hart.....	2,000 00
" 4,985, " Andrew Ross.....	2,000 00
" 4,986, " Hugh Clark.....	2,000 00
" 4,987, " John J. Fairbanks.....	2,000 00
" 4,988, " Charles Hubert.....	2,000 00
" 4,989, " Louis Seldner.....	2,000 00
" 4,990, " James P. Kiely.....	2,000 00
" 4,991, " James S. Bain.....	2,000 00
" 4,992, " Wm. A. Meek.....	2,000 00
" 4,993, " J. A. C. Roeder.....	2,000 00
" 4,994, " S. H. Raub.....	2,000 00
" 4,995, " James Hennessy.....	2,000 00
" 4,996, " A. Covacevich.....	2,000 00
" 4,997, " Jos. M. Cecil.....	2,000 00
" 4,998, " W. B. Tullis.....	2,000 00
" 4,999, " Edmund J. Cox.....	2,000 00
" 5,000, " John Loranger.....	2,000 00
" 5,001, " Prescott Johnson.....	1,000 00
" 5,002, " Prescott Johnson.....	597 00
" 5,003, " Prescott Johnson.....	403 00
" 5,004, " Treadwell Soper.....	2,000 00
" 5,005, " A. D. Kuntze.....	2,000 00
" 5,006, " Henry Blair.....	2,000 00
" 5,007, " Christopher McClintick.....	2,000 00
" 5,008, " John McCarthy.....	2,000 00

Total Disbursements \$50,000 00

Balance on hand \$ 179 00

GENERAL FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand March 1, 1895 \$ 7,400 04
Amount received during March, 1895 532 15

Total \$ 7,932 19

Warrants Issued.

Cr.

No. 1005, Contingent, J. W. Ward.....	31 00
" 1006, D. J. Toohy, Cassidy vs. Grand Lodge.....	50 00
" 1007, Expense, D. J. Toohy.....	33 45
" 1008, Expense, William Vinter.....	74 35
" 1009, Expense, Bay District Lodge, No. 226.....	6 50
" 1010, Expense, Jennie Clark.....	15 00
" 1011, Expense, J. W. Ward.....	68 50
" 1012, Expense, Pacific T. & T. Co.....	16 20
" 1013, Expense, Gustave Pohlman.....	5 85
" 1014, Expense, M. Rice.....	1 75
" 1015, Janitor, W. W. Butler.....	35 00
" 1016, Supplies, Schaezlein & Burridge.....	7 00
" 1017, Expense, E. N. Deuprey.....	18 72
" 1018, Stationary, Payot, Upham & Co.....	100 00
" 1019, Contingent, Postage.....	7 58
" 1020, Contingent, Sundries.....	42 00
" 1021, Contingent, Expressage.....	4 30
" 1022, Contingent, Expressage.....	25
" 1023, Expense, Pacific States Watchman.....	356 25
" 1024, Rent, L. C. Fraser.....	60 00
" 1025, Expense, E. N. Denprey.....	32 00
" 1026, Expense, F. S. Poland.....	36 00
" 1027, Printing, E. C. Hughes.....	35 10
" 1028, Salary, C. H. Haile.....	50 00
" 1029, Salary, D. S. Hirshberg.....	316 68
" 1030, Per Capita Tax, Supreme Lodge.....	1,167 48

Total Disbursements \$ 2,575 96

Balance on hand \$ 5,356 23

RELIEF FUND.

Received during March, 1895 166 20

NEBRASKA SUFFERERS' FUND.

Received during March, 1895 142 50

WARRANTS ISSUED.

No. 16, Geo. H. Barber, Grand Recorder \$ 142 50

TOTAL BALANCES ON HAND APRIL 1, 1895.

In Beneficiary Fund \$ 179 00

In General Fund 5,356 23

In Relief Fund 166 20

Grand Total \$ 5,701 43

SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 9, 1895.

We, your finance committee, have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Recorder and Grand Receiver and find the same to agree and are correct.

WILLIAM BRODRICK, } Finance
THOS. W. BETHELL, } Committee.
E. J. FENNIN, }

—California wants the age limit restored to 50 years.

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ONCE AGAIN—If you wish changes made in addresses, the former as well as new address must be given.

Subscribers not receiving THE WATCHMAN by the 8th of the month should immediately notify us. Do not wait a single day!

Special to Lodges.

During the past year a number of lodges desiring to notify their members of some special business or occasion, instead of going to the expense of printing, postage, etc., have done so by putting said notice in the WATCHMAN. This journal is regularly mailed on or before the 3d of each month to every member, and should reach the most distant points in this State by the 7th at latest. Consequently it can be used to advantage by lodges desiring to call the attention of their members to special events. No charge, whatever, has been or will be made for such notices. It is our desire to make the WATCHMAN of practical benefit to all; and there is no necessity for a lodge to print any notice to their individual members, which can just as well appear in the WATCHMAN, free of cost to them, and reach every member. The paper goes to press on the 28th of the month, consequently all matter must be received by 26th, at latest.

Equalization, Etc.

Much is being written about graded rates, increased rates at different ages, etc., together with the necessity for changes here and there.

We have endeavored to show by facts and figures for many years that graded assessments for different ages can only be equitable when the parties protected all remain in the association or corporation until death; but when, as experience shows, only one in twelve of the entire membership admitted dies in the Order then the grading for age or life expectancy is neither equitable or just.

But there is a method of equalization which would be just. The Order would not admit any man to membership unless it supposed said member had a life expectancy for more than the average duration of "fraternal life"—8 years—and therefore when a member dies at 1, 2, 3, or any number of years less than the "fraternal duration," it is a costly business, and it is these short-term deaths that make the heavy assessments.

Take the death list of any State and mark the large number who die under the "fraternal duration" time of 8 years.

Therefore, there should be a proviso for the protection of the Order that any member joining the Order and dying in less time than the "fraternal duration" of 8 years, a sum which, added to the assessments he had paid in, would make an equivalent to 8 years' assessments, should be deducted from the beneficiary moneys. Do this and there will be no necessity for changing rates in any particular, and there certainly will be no injustice to the heirs of those who die within less than 8 years' membership.

If any could take exception to such a rule, it would be those who have been in the Order fifteen or twenty years already, but there will be no complaint from them as with grateful hearts they appreciate the mercies that they have received permitting them still to work for the Order, while so many of those younger have been called away.

Rescind.

OAKLAND, April 23d, 1895.

EDITOR WATCHMAN:—At the last session of the Grand Lodge a motion was put and carried, and before the close of the day it was moved and seconded to reconsider said action; which motion to reconsider was defeated; thereafter, on the next day, a motion to rescind was regularly moved and seconded, and a point of order raised that such a motion was in the nature of a second reconsideration and consequently not in order, but the point of order was declared not well taken and the motion to rescind was put and carried.

Some have questioned the correctness of the above ruling.

Roberts' Rules of Order, page 63, holds that "No question can be twice reconsidered."

Still it would not be contended that a motion to expunge would not have been in order, then why not a motion to RESCIND likewise in order?

The former obliterates and completely wipes out the actual transaction of the body, which actual transaction a Secretary is bound to record, but the body decides otherwise and makes an exception in such case. A motion to rescind leaves the record to state the actual facts and reverses and repeals the previous action.

"The practice of the National House of Representatives should have the same force in this country as the usages of the House of Commons have in England, in determining the general principles of the common parliamentary law of the land," etc., etc. [See Roberts' Rules of Order, p. 14.]

In Congress a rule prevails, see on page 519 Manual and Digest, 53d Congress: "When it is desired to set aside or to annul the operation of a rule or order of the House, it is usual to make an order rescinding. Rescind, as applied to an order or rule, is equivalent to repeal as applied to statutes."

But a stronger citation than any of the above is the reference to Roberts' Rules of Order itself (Edition of 1894) the last edition out.

Section 25, page 71—RESCIND: When an assembly wishes to annul some action it has previously taken and it is too late to reconsider (27) the vote, the proper course to pursue is to rescind the objectionable resolution, order, or other proceeding. This motion has no privilege, but stands on a footing with a new resolution. Any action of the body can be rescinded regardless of the time that has elapsed."

[Note to above: Where it is desired not only to rescind the action but to express very strong disapproval, legislative bodies have on rare occasions voted to rescind the objectionable resolution and expunge it from the record, which is done by crossing out the words, or drawing a line around them, and writing across them the words "Expunged by order of the Assembly," giving the date of the order.]

Was I wrong, in 1895, in deciding that the motion to "rescind" was in order, in strict accordance with the ruling in the latest edition of Roberts' Rules of Order printed, in 1894, nearly one year previous thereto, and which rules of order govern the parliamentary practice of the Grand Lodge? ? ?

Fraternally,

J. W. WARD,
Sitting Past Grand Master Workman.

Brother Ward has so thoroughly sustained his ruling that comments would be superfluous.—ED.
P. S. W.]

The Age Limit.

The reduction of the age limit for applicants to 45 years two years ago was not only a surprise most unexpected, but has given rise to great dissatisfaction, as being most uncalled-for and unnecessary. The statistics of every jurisdiction prove, beyond all question, that members initiated over 45 have the largest duration previous to death, and that those now living have paid much larger amounts to the support of their lodges than any other class.

What costs the Order money is not those who are in membership 8 or 10 years before they die, but those who die before they have been in the Order three years, two years and less, and these short-term deaths are, as a rule, among those initiated under 40 years of age.

The men from 45 to 50, in good health, are as valuable a class as can possibly be admitted to any organization, and it is no wonder that California, Maryland, Grand Master Thompson of Tennessee, and others, emphatically declare that the age limit is too low.

We never have understood by what process the Supreme Lodge in '93, after the committee to

whom the subject was referred, reported a bill in view of the emphatic disapproval of the preceding year, went to work and upset all its previous decisions upon the subject, and reduced the limit; but we do know that the legislation has been of disadvantage, and trust that the session of 1895 will resume its former safe and usual limit of under 50.

For Nebraska.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts appropriated \$2,000 to the suffering brethren of Nebraska; and New York made a donation of \$2,500. California did not ignore the call, but its Grand Lodge had no money in its treasury at that time; in fact, it was requisite to make a loan to cover the extraordinary expense of the Los Angeles session. Yet it showed its good will by a little contribution, and this would have been larger, even under the circumstances, had it not been stated by a number of representatives that their lodges had made contributions. Nebraska has always been prompt and generous to others, and deserves the sympathy and unanimous assistance of its sisters; and when accounts are made up and it shall be found that California is lacking in doing its full share, rest assured it will be forthcoming.

The members of the Oakland lodges were well represented at the gathering at Pacific Lodge, No. 7, to welcome the coming of the newly-elected Grand Master Workman Toohy and visiting Grand Officers accompanying; Past Grand Master Workman Ward opened the speech making and spoke in cordial terms to the new G. M. W., pledging the support and loyal assistance of Pacific Lodge, No. 7, and the lodges of Oakland toward making the new administration, a success, and with the same zeal and interest to work for the upbuilding of the Order as had been accorded his term just closed. Speeches were made by the Grand Master Workman, who spoke at length and in tones of earnest appeal to all, and with the expressed hope that the awakening prosperity of the times in all branches of trade and industries would afford the opportunity and manifest the increasing strength of the Order in California, and he appreciated the warm welcome and interested zeal of the brothers of Oakland; he was followed by Grand Receiver Booth, Grand Recorder Hirshberg, Grand Medical Examiner Mayon, P. M. W.'s Snook, Patterson, Fennon, Gilmore, Winnie, Peddie, Merwin, Perry, Marston, Bridgeman, and others.

Pacific Lodge intends to make more prominent the fraternal features of the Order, and to that end will cultivate the correct rendition of the secret and ritualistic work in an impressive manner; it will take steps from now on to get together a team and drill it thoroughly so as to give an exhibition drill before the Grand Lodge session in San Francisco next April.

It is to be hoped that the Supreme Lodge will not enact (as intimated) any legislation looking to graded assessments, at its next session; the present plan of an uniform rate of \$1, on each and every member, is equitable, simple and practicable, and any other scheme copying after the unwarrentable plan of old life insurance companies is to be deprecated and depreciated.

In answer to a question of information, the Grand Master Workman at the last session of the Grand Lodge stated that the Grand Lodge had the right to pass laws that contemplated the payment of money out of the subordinate lodge treasuries, and this statement was by some considered erroneous.

In another matter considered in previous years, a resolution having been introduced by the representative of No. 22 was referred to committee, reported back favorably and passed by the Grand Lodge, which authorizes the payment to certain solicitors in specified districts of \$50 each per month out of the Grand Lodge Treasury, and a commission of \$2 for each candidate, over a certain number, proposed by him, approved by the medical examiners and lodge; "said commission to be paid by the said subordinate lodge."

Beneficiary Members, D. of H.

The death of Mrs. Sarah E. Spurgeon necessitates an assessment of one dollar on all beneficiary members of the Degree of Honor. Pay the same to your Financier on or before May 28th, 1895. KATE M. POLAND, Grand Recorder.

This number being largely given to matters connected with the Grand Lodge session, a number of articles are unavoidably crowded out.

PACIFIC STATES WATCHMAN.

AT THE GRAND LODGE.

MATTERS ADOPTED.

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Supreme Lodge be requested to use their best efforts to have the law relating to beneficiary certificates repealed, or so amended that members who have no known blood relations may make it payable to some individual or institution.

Your Committee favor the issuance of two grades of Beneficiary Certificates, viz., one for \$1,000 and one for \$2,000, under the laws now governing our Order as to the privileges of obtaining, having issued Beneficiary Certificates. We reiterate the words and sentiments of the Grand Lodge Examiner, to set forth why we approve of such a course, viz.:

"There are many men who cannot afford to pay for a \$2,000 certificate, would take one for \$1,000. Would attract young men to the Order. It would assist greatly in the sick and other benefits extended by the subordinate lodge. It would make initiation ceremonies more frequent, thereby create a new interest in the work, make assessment calls less, and endow the California A. O. U. W. with new life and vigor."

DEGREE OF HONOR.

The Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master Workman report referring to the Degree of Honor submitted the following, which was adopted:

Whatever Order most closely identifies with itself the hearty co-operation and endorsement of the women of America is the coming great successful Order of the future.

Experience shows wherever the mothers, wives, sisters, daughters of a membership have taken interest in the fraternity to which their male relatives belong, that fraternity progresses and advances.

Workmanship in California years ago recognized the value of this factor and in the years 1881 and 1882 took earnest and active measures to establish the Degree of Honor. For some time subsequently, from various causes, a spirit of apathy and indifference seemed to prevail until some three years ago, when a revival in this matter took place, and now throughout our jurisdiction our sisters are doing gallant and noble work.

We endorse the hope of our Grand Master Workman that the time will soon come when there will be a Degree of Honor Lodge in every locality, and we desire most earnestly to urge upon every representative the duty, as well as privilege of individually laboring for the upbuilding, advancement and encouragement of the most valuable aid to our Order.

We heartily and cordially recognize the valuable work of the Grand and Subordinate Officers and lodges of the Degree of Honor in California, especially during the past two years, and we recommend that this Grand Lodge continue not only its fraternal aid but its financial aid until our sisters now so gallantly working to advance this degree shall have added to their strength and numbers sufficient to enable them to reach a position where aid from us will not be required.

We would recommend that an appropriation of one hundred and twenty-five dollars be made for this purpose, to be paid to the proper officials of the Degree of Honor.

W.M. H. BARNES,	
H. C. BABCOCK,	
S. H. MITCHELL,	
GEO. A. WANAMAKE,	Com.
R. A. DOUGLASS,	
EDWARD STRAUB,	

WOMEN ON EQUAL TERMS.

Special Committee, No. 6, offered the following, which was adopted by an overwhelming vote:

As to women in relations to the Order, this Committee is conscious that its views are radical, and if adopted involve vast consequences to our members.

Yet believing that truth is transcendent and justice an infallible measure of human conduct, we boldly take our stand that the time is fit for the adoption of a policy whereby women will be in all particulars identified and equalized with men in the Order.

Without attempting any elaborate argument for their admission, some reasons therefor may be briefly stated:

1st. Notwithstanding the objections based upon their maternal functions, women are better insurance risks than men. This springs from the facts that women, in comparison with men, are usually more sober, freer from diseases originating in the use of morphine, cocaine, tobacco, opium,

etc.; not so often engaged in dangerous pursuits, and that they lead lives more moral and natural.

2d. To explain our lack of growth in this State for the last several years, the claim is often made that the field of men available for admission is exhausted.

Now let the doors swing wide open for a noble womanhood to enter our sanctuaries and this obstacle is largely removed.

3d. The cost of maintaining two separate organizations would, by consolidation, be obviated.

4th. By reason of their peculiar sensitiveness to duty, women would greatly aid the cause of fraternity, by introducing into our lodges more sympathy, love and sociability.

Man by nature is social.

His highest development is along the line of cooperation.

Under that principle, all human factors can blend in harmony. In all history, civilization has been correctly measured by the place of woman therein. The more her moral influence has been utilized, the higher and grander has been that society.

5th. The last reason, perhaps, comprehending all others, is that this Order is essentially constituted for the protection of the home.

The home is the very bedrock on which is built our American civilization.

This was the philosophy that inspired Upchurch to link in mystic band the immortal thirteen, who first raised the banner inscribed with our eloquent talisman—C. H. & P.

He knew that the home was the one supreme care of every patriotic citizen.

Beneath the "Stars and Stripes," therefore, he made the hearthstone the very altar of this Order.

Notwithstanding our brilliant history, there has always been a vacant place at the sacred shrine.

Let that place be filled by her who is described in the holiest words of our language, "Wife" and "Mother."

Would not she, above all others, bestow the labor and love requisite to keep our Order loyal to truth, justice and fraternity?

In conclusion, therefore, your committee respectfully recommend that our Supreme Representatives were their best endeavors that our laws be modified so as to admit women to the Order, upon the same terms as now applied to men.

Respectfully submitted in C. H. & P.,

JAMES TAYLOR ROGERS,	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/>	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/>	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/>	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/>
A. A. STONEBERGER,				
JOHN R. PRESTON,				
T. H. MACDONALD, E. WORTH,				

April 3d, 1895.

The Committee on Good of the Order presented the following able report, which was adopted. It will be found of interest and value:

Your Committee on Good of the Order, to whom was referred various portions of the printed reports of the Grand Lodge Officers, beg leave to report that they have duly considered the same, and recommend as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER WORKMAN.

1. Resignations. Concurrence in the act of accepting and filling vacancies in the offices of four district deputies during the year.

2. Supreme Lodge Reception. Approval of the satisfactory, wise and economical manner in which the affairs of the Supreme Lodge Reception Committee discharged their onerous duties, receiving and, best of all, meriting, the encomiums not only of the Supreme Lodge, but of the local brotherhood as well, and adding another pleasing chapter to the historical events of the Golden State.

3. Assessments. Commending and heartily approving in most emphatic terms the policy of the administration in levying "all assessments needed each month, and up to the very notch." No other policy should be pursued. Our honest, not to say sacred, obligations should always be met with the greatest promptitude. The membership of the Order will ever be found ready and prompt to pay the beneficiary indebtedness, the cancellation of which should never be delayed for any period beyond the actual necessities of the case, when once properly established.

4. Anniversary Day. It is a source of gratification to note the unanimity with which the Natal Day of the Order was observed, and due acknowledgement is made of the co-operation of those who assisted therein under directions of the Grand Master. Every lodge in the jurisdiction should feel it a duty owing to the Order to properly observe Anniversary Day. It affords them the opportunity of coming before the public to give a reason for their existence and propagation. Not a community in which the Order has been organ-

ized but can point with honest pride to the record and consistently call for support and assistance in swelling its numbers from among the ablest and best in the ranks of good citizenship.

5. Past Master Workman's Association. The coming together and formation of an auxiliary organization, in the metropolis, of those who in the past have been chosen lodge leaders, is a feature for commendation. Such an organization maintained along the lines of social and fraternal work, with visitations to and counseling of subordinate lodges from and by those who of necessity have made a careful study of the aims and higher work of the Order, can only result in good.

6. Informal Sessions of Grand Lodge. The holding of special and informal sessions of the Grand Lodge at Santa Barbara, San Diego and Georgetown during the past year is approved, and those whose names are reported by the Grand Master as having received the honors of the Grand Lodge Degree at the several sessions named are entitled to be recorded as having regularly received the degree, and it is so recommended.

7. Supervisory. The wisdom of the recommendation found on page 41, also the resolution No. 6, on page 183, making it effective, in the Journal of Proceedings of 1893, as referred to, is undoubted. The retiring G. M. W. has thus been enabled to visit every section of the State during the various stages of his official promotion, and become, therefore, in touch with the needs and sentiments of his widely scattered constituency. No officer can reach the entire jurisdiction in official visitations during a single year unless he give himself wholly up to it as a business. The present system is a satisfactory one, and it is pleasing to be able to report that the Grand Foreman and Grand Overseer are discharging their duties along these lines in a satisfactory manner, and together with the Grand Master, have set an example worthy of imitation and emulation by their successors.

8. Defunct Lodges. The action of the executive officers, as reported in the case of Colton Lodge, No. 255, is confirmed. Likewise in the cases of Mt. Glen Lodge, No. 270; Advance Lodge, No. 273; Lordsburg Lodge, No. 254, and Nordhoff Lodge, No. 283; and if not already accomplished the Grand Recorder be directed to recover and take possession of the charter, records, books and effects of said lodges.

9. Redistricting San Francisco. The fact that the Grand Master during the past year succeeded in redistricting the large field comprising the city of San Francisco to the satisfaction of all concerned, notwithstanding "some were inclined to demur at first," but "all were shortly reconciled and readily acquiesced in the new arrangement," is a recorded tribute to his ability as a diplomat. His acts in this particular are approved.

10. Correspondence. Of the large amount of correspondence of the Grand Master's office we are assured, and of the labor needful to its satisfactory conduct. While at times, no doubt trying to the patience of the chief executive officer of the Order, yet a large correspondence is always a hopeful sign as evincing an interest in the affairs of the Order. The rank and file should never be discouraged from seeking information and advice from their superior officers.

11. Contemplated Suspension of Charters. The action reported in exacting full compliance with the law in the matter of requiring the filing of semi-annual returns, with the alternatives of being disciplined in the event of non-compliance, as reported, is approved.

12. Fraternal Aid. The kindly feeling expressed by the Grand Master toward the jurisdiction of Nebraska and the deep and dire distress existing among its membership aptly voices the sentiments of the fraters of the Pacific Coast. Phrases, however well worded, will not alleviate the pangs of hunger, which many of our Nebraska brethren are made to feel. While, perhaps, we cannot do much in a financial way, yet we can set the example and show a more active sympathy coupled with a donation.

We recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Master and Grand Recorder be authorized and directed to draw a warrant for \$— to be immediately transmitted to the Grand Master Workman of Nebraska, as the contribution of the Grand Lodge of California to the Special Relief Fund of Nebraska.

13. Visitations. The course of the Grand Master in his numerous and frequent visitations to the various subordinate lodges is heartily commended.

14. New Lodges. The addition of two new lodges to the roster is a pleasing and commendable feature of the year's work.

15. Appointments. The action of the Grand

Master Workman in appointing District Deputy Grand Master Workmen, "in districts arranged as advantageously to all concerned as possible" is approved.

16. Deputies' Reports. That the deputies' reports for the terms ending June 30th, and December 31st, 1894, as stated, show "a lack of interest in members to attend meetings, and also that the officers are not generally proficient in their work and charges, by having the same committed to memory," etc., is a matter of general concern. How to remedy these shortcomings is a subject worthy the ablest thinkers of the Order. A solution of so important a question cannot be attempted in a report of a general character such as this. The suggestion is offered, however, that if more attention were given to the business head known as the "Good of the Order," with a proper degree of attention given to the preparation of a "programme" undoubtedly good results would follow.

17. Points Recommended at which New Lodges may be Organized. Those are fraternally recommended to the incoming administration with a recommendation that the places named be thoroughly exploited in behalf of the Order.

18. District Deputies not Reporting. The Grand Master Workman presents a lamentably long list of derelict deputies who have failed in making proper reports. It goes without saying that an officer accepting the responsible position of D. D. G. M. W. should be a living example of promptness and efficiency, and that undoubtedly the delinquency of lodges in many cases is attributable to the force of a bad example. The carelessness and failure of a D. D. G. M. W. to promptly discharge his duties and make the reports required of him, makes defective the entire work of the Order, since the test of a chain is its weakest link. The G. M. W. should not hesitate to demand of his deputies either a prompt and cheerful compliance of all the duties or his resignation.

19. Opening, Closing, Valedictory. These three words and portions of the report referred to us carry with them no import of legislation but, nevertheless, meet with approval. They are but a repetition of what has been and must be that of each Grand Master Workman. In fact, human existence encompasses little more. But to those who make most of their opportunities a word of commendation is due and should be accorded. The retiring Grand Master Workman makes no claim to infallibility. That he has not succeeded in pleasing all we know; that he has erred in judgment he undoubtedly will admit, but that he has pursued the right as he saw it, actuated by the highest motives, seeking to advance the best interests of the whole Order, we believe, wherefore, we recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of California, A. O. U. W., are hereby extended to Brother J. W. Ward, retiring Grand Master, for his painstaking services to the Order during the last three successive years as G. O., G. F. and G. M. W., with assurance that his devotion and ardor in advancing the cause of Workmanship meets with the commendation and the approval of which this is but a feeble expression.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

20. L. C. Winston Case. The settlement of the claim mentioned under the circumstances stated meet with approval, and emphasize the wisdom of the course pursued therein by the Grand Lodge under the guidance of its officers.

21. Watts Haydock Case. No proof of death or evidence of any character tending to establish a presumption of death having been filed during the year, it is recommended that action be again deferred until the next session of the Grand Lodge, unless the necessary proof of death be made to the satisfaction of the incoming Grand Officers meanwhile.

22. Julius Bernstein Case. This case indicates very plainly the danger of what might be called the abuse of sentiment, in the desire to pay claims before the proper establishment of the proof of death. Fortunately such cases are of rare occurrence, and they serve as living examples of the old axiom that it is often best to "make haste slowly." That the guilty one stands suspended is well, though it were better had capital punishment of the Order been meted out to him.

23. W. J. Barry Case. The Grand Lodge having heretofore voted to reject this claim, and the Grand Recorder reporting that "nothing further in the way of proof of death has been offered," recommendation of non action is made.

24. Beneficiary Certificates. The action of the Grand Recorder in endeavoring to secure, so far as possible, a correct rendering of the law and, in consequence, calling in and changing many of

the early written certificates, is heartily commended, and is but another evidence of his care and watchfulness in the administration of his official trust. His recommendation of the appointment and naming of a trustee in advance, in every case where minor heirs or beneficiaries are concerned, is deemed of sufficient importance to be brought to the closer attention of the Order, wherefore it is recommended that the Grand Recorder embody these suggestions in a special circular letter to be addressed to and read in each lodge, to the end that each applicant, when naming his beneficiary, or beneficiaries, may have his attention called thereto.

25. Conclusion. The commendation of his coadjutors by the Grand Recorder is but another evidence of "how good and pleasant it is when brethren dwell together in unity," and we are more than persuaded that much of the good fellowship extant not only in official circles, but throughout the whole Order, is largely attributable to the tact, geniality and efficiency of the Grand Recorder.

26. Report of Grand Lecturer. The report of this veteran and worthy worker is a record of labor well performed and its approval is recommended.

27. Report of Grand Overseer. The report of the Grand Overseer indicates that the Grand Lodge made no mistake in his elevation to official station. He has indeed been an Overseer, going about cheering and uplifting at every turn. His recommendations are well-timed and the approval thereof and adoption of the report as a whole is recommended.

28. Report of the Deputy Grand Master Workman. The report of this officer, on whom so lightly rest the burdens of arduous official station, who has assisted so many of the Past Grand Masters in making "a record," and who may be said to have grown not "gray" only "in service of the Order," but "bald" as well, presents, as usual, a report and record of official acts performed, all of which are recommended for approval.

29. Report of the Committee on Reception to the Supreme Lodge. Nothing further remains to be said of the very satisfactory manner in which the committee performed its delicate duties. Its report should be adopted with acclaim.

30. Report of Grand Foreman. Last but not least of the official expressions and reports referred to us is the report of he who in due course of time shall become the presiding officer and leader of this great army enlisted under the spotless banner of the Order, bearing upon its folds Charity, Hope and Protection. With the many years of apprenticeship in the ranks of the Order, and the duties imposed and well performed, of general visitations during the past two years he comes "around at all points." His review is well timed, and his report is recommended for adoption as a whole.

All of which were submitted in C., H. and P.,
 GEO. B. KATZENSTEIN,
 H. SHAFFNER,
 GEO. D. KELLOGG,
 J. N. VAUGHN,
 G. S. HAMILTON,
 H. R. CAMPBELL, Com.

P. G. M. W. Association.

Among the very pleasant incidents of the Los Angeles session was the elegant collation tendered to the Past Grand Officers by C. B. Boothe, P. G. M. W. of Mass. Many good things were partaken of, and many sparkling things said.

A sentiment complimentary to California Workmanship offered by the host was responded to by William H. Barnes, P. G. M. W.

During the enjoyable hour, the advisability of a similar reunion at future sessions was discussed, which resulted in the organization of a California P. G. M. W. Association and the election of the following officers: Wm. H. Jordan, President; Wm. H. Barnes, V. P. and Orator; D. S. Hirshberg, Sec.; E. Danforth, Treas. The annual reunion to be held on 2d day of G. L. session, after the election of G. L. officers:

Those present at the above réunion were P. G. M. W.'s J. W. Ward, Geo. B. Katzenstein, James Booth, A. C. Bane, E. N. Deuprey, E. Danforth, Jas. T. Rogers, Wm. H. Barnes, J. N. Young, D. S. Hirshberg, and Duncan McPherson.

Brother Boothe of Mass. was unanimously elected an honorary member.

In conclusion Brother Deuprey offered the following sentiment:

Our Host, P. G. M. W. Boothe—May there ever follow him in the future fruition of his wishes the

success that has characterized every detail of this entertainment, and may prosperity and happiness always attend his pathway through life.

Social and fraternal converse ruled, and only the pressing demands of the G. L. session compelled reluctant separation.

The Banquet.

[Los Angeles "Times" and "Herald," April 2d:]

The visitors were treated to a banquet last evening in Maccabee Temple, and nearly three hundred guests surrounded the tables, which were spread with good things to eat. The absence of intoxicating drinks was remarked, and it would be hard to find a finer looking and a more respectable body of men at any similar gathering. Many veterans of the Order were present, including a dozen or more Grand Masters of the Order.

The hall was tastefully decorated with the fiesta colors and the standards of the A. O. U. W. Captain A. F. Mackey acted as master of ceremonies, and announced the toasts and introduced the speakers in the happy and graceful manner for which he is noted.

Ex-Councilman R. E. Wirsching, with an appropriate speech, welcomed the guests to the city and to the banquet.

In the absence of Past Supreme Master Workman William H. Jordan, Sam Booth of San Francisco was called upon to respond to the first toast of the evening, "Officers of the Grand Lodge and Visiting Brothers." Mr. Booth, who is somewhat of a poet and wit, stated that he did not know he was to be called upon for a speech, but having travelled more or less on California railroads, where holdups are frequent, he had learned that it was wise to go about loaded. He was, therefore, loaded for this occasion, and would sing a song if the audience would bear with him. He then sang, to the tune of "December and May," the following ditty, in which he makes happy allusions to most of the leading Workmen attending the convention:

A jolly old party of Workmen one day,
 On business and pleasure intent,
 With jewels, regalia and paraphernalia,
 Down to Los Angeles went
 To meet in convention, their mutual joys
 And mutual sorrows to share;
 To help a poor brother in want or distress,
 And these were the men who were there:

CHORUS:

Barnes and Booth and Ward and Toohy,
 Vinter of San Jose;
 Brewer and Rogers, Young and Hirshberg,
 Danforth and Deuprey;
 Tuggy and Poland and Manzer and Katzenstein,
 Workmen all staunch and true,
 Down to Los Angeles to the convention
 Of the A. O. U. W.

"Yerba Buena" has Summers, Culton comes from
 "Winters,"
 And "Oak Leaf" has sent to us Fall;
 "Colonia" sends "Merry, and "Friendship" has
 Sherry,
 And "Burns" has Dr. Hall;
 "Ukiah" sends Carpenter, "Unity," Smith,
 And "Stockton" has Christie and Gay;
 "Vallejo" has Browne, and "Union" has White,
 And "Silver Star" sends us Gray.

(Chorus:) There were Barnes and Booth, etc.
 From "Traver" comes Cole, from "Tehama" comes Woods,

And Luther comes down from "Live Oak;"
 "Occidental" sends Johns and from "Valley" comes Jack,
 And Cohn from the "Forest Hill" folk;
 "Northern Light" sends us Baxter to represent here

The northernmost lodge of the State,
 While from San Diego's most southerly bound
 Comes Douglass from fair "Silver Gate."

(Chorus:) There were Barnes and Booth, etc.
 There were merchants and miners, mechanics and clerks,
 And farmers and growers of fruit;

Brothers from Marysville, Merced and Mott,
 From Oroville, Oakland and Butte.
 They came from the counties up North and down South,

From the mountains way down to the sea,
 And though far apart in some things they be,
 They're a unit in C. H. and P.

(Chorus:) There were Barnes and Booth, etc.

Mr. Booth was so heartily encored that he favored the audience with another original song,

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which was published by him in his life of Father Upchurch, the Founder of the Order. The song tells how Upchurch founded the A. O. U. W., and how it brought happiness to many a Workman's family.

The next toast, "Our Beloved Order and Its Future," was responded to by Grand Master Workman J. W. Ward. He made an interesting address, telling how the Order was originated by Father Upchurch in 1868, and how it has grown until it embraced at the present time 340,000 members scattered over the whole continent. There are 17,000 members in California, and the Order has paid to the beneficiaries since its inception, \$60,000,000. The Order is still going on. Its motto is "Charity, Hope and Protection," and it lives up to that motto. The good it has done is attested in thousands of homes in the land. It will be a success in the future as in the past and will be gratefully remembered by generations to come.

Grand Recorder D. S. Hirshberg, of Oakland, in a most eloquent speech responded to the toast, "Degree of Honor and its Relation to Our Order." The Degree of Honor is the woman's branch of the A. O. U. W. Mr. Hirshberg said in part:

"I regret that the Degree of Honor is not here to-night to enjoy the hospitality of the good brothers of Los Angeles. The Degree of Honor stands in the same relation to the A. O. U. W. as the wife to the husband. The wife is the sunshine and light of the home. The Degree of Honor is the same to the A. O. U. W. The hope of the Order in the future is the Degree of Honor. Our wives and daughters are our beneficiaries and should contribute to the increased prosperity of this institution of ours. No work of a charitable or religious nature in this or any other land is a success unless it has the influence and support of the women of the land. There is no work, no institution to which the ladies can devote themselves, no holier work nor grander cause than to assist us in harmonizing and fraternizing the world."

Rev. A. C. Bane, Past Grand Master Workman, responded to the toast, "The City of Los Angeles." Rev. Bane's remarks were both eloquent and instructive. He said in part:

"Every man thinks he hails from the most beautiful spot, but that is before he has seen Los Angeles, which is pre-eminently the City of Angels. Oakland, from which many delegates present come, is considered the Athens of California, but Los Angeles is the new Jerusalem of the world. Its climate is never too hot and never too cold. There is a place in Arizona where, it is said, it is so hot that the hens are fed on ice water to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs. There is nothing of that kind in Los Angeles. This is a city of

homes. It has more beautiful homes in proportion to the population than any other city in our broad land. It is a progressive city, as is shown by the fact that it increased 60,000 in population in the past ten years. The official records for 1894 show that 1792 buildings were erected in that year. Most of these were homes and cost \$1,500,000. At the present time the building permits issued average more than 6 per day. The city has now a population of 85,000 and is growing to such an extent that it has actually ordered 100 new school rooms for use next year. There are from 10,000 to 12,000 school children, many of whom can go to school but half of the day and 2,000 are shut out altogether. You can go from one end of the city to the other and not one native one-lunged man will you find. We have a few one-lungers imported from San Francisco, some of whom come here to die and more come to live. They get fat here, and many who come here with one lung go off with three. The building boom still goes on. On Broadway property has increased 50 per cent in value in the past year. No city in the State or nation can show such a growth as Los Angeles. These statements will be proved to our visitors before they leave, and when they return to their homes they will advertise them for sale and come to live and be angels among us, indeed.

William H. Barnes, editor of the WATCHMAN, the organ of the Order, published at San Francisco, and also a Past Grand Master Workman, responded to the toast, "The Desirability of \$1,000 Certificates." His address was original as it was instructive. He concluded with the following impromptu:

"We are here in Los Angeles, tropical zone, And let us all vow good work shall be done; Amid orange blooms and flowers so rare May the cause of our Order receive constant care. This brilliant reception is dear to our heart, Just like you down here—you do your whole part; United we stand, let us work with a will, And never cease asking our Supreme Lodge until It issues a \$1,000 due bill."

Past Grand Master Duncan McPherson of San Francisco, in the absence of Past Grand Master J. N. Young, answered to the toast, "State of California," paying and eloquent tribute to the Golden State.

L. M. Manzer, Past Master Workman of Hercules Lodge, San Francisco, made a feeling response to the toast, "Our Honored Dead," in place of Past Grand Master E. N. Deuprey, who was unavoidably absent.

"The Good Accomplished by Our Order" was told by Past Grand Master Workman James Booth of Los Angeles.

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"The Ladies" were toasted in one of the best speeches of the evening by that grand old man, Grand Foreman D. J. Toohey.

In the absence of Col. H. G. Otis, who was on the programme for the toast, "The Press," William F. Burbank, editor of the "Los Angeles Record," made a brief response.

Walter Malloy of Golden Gate Lodge, San Francisco, favored the audience with several well-delivered recitations.

The Great Public Reception.

The "Los Angeles Herald" of April 3d says: The Maccabee Temple last evening was crowded to the doors. Every seat in the hall was occupied, both on the floor and in the gallery. The members of the local lodges of the A. O. U. W. gave an entertainment in honor of the visiting delegates attending the Grand Lodge. An interesting programme had been arranged and was given.

Rev. A. C. Bane, P. G. M. W., acted as President of the evening, and after a brief address from him Miss Julia Herzog rendered a vocal solo.

Hon. J. N. Young, of San Francisco, P. G. M. W., was next introduced. Mr. Young spoke briefly on the subject of the great good the Order has accomplished throughout its membership during its brief existence.

Miss Addie Meek gave a cornet solo, which was exquisitely rendered. She was forced to respond to an encore.

J. W. Ward, G. M. W., was introduced, and was given an enthusiastic reception. Mr. Ward spoke at some length on the principles and progress of twenty-seven years ago with thirteen members, and now its membership was 340,000. Its growth had been wonderful.

Mrs. Walter Malloy of San Francisco favored the audience with a song entitled, "America's Emblem, the Violet." Mrs. Malloy has a beautiful voice and sang with great effect. She was honored with an encore.

After a recitation by Miss Kittie Snyder and a song by Harry Maben, President Bane introduced Hon. E. N. Deuprey, of San Francisco, P. G. M. W. Mr. Deuprey spoke feelingly of the Order of the A. O. U. W. Among other things he said:

"In our Order we harbor ill will for none. The principles we teach have Charity for their foundation. Hope is the wall of the edifice, and Protection is the sheltering roof. We make it a point to look after the happiness and general welfare of one another, but we exist because the members of our fraternity love one other. We aid, assist, create and build up the household. We believe in the sentiment 'cast thy bread upon the waters'

and it will return after many days.' The founder of the Order little supposed that his humble efforts would be productive of such grand results. This army has been brought together for the good of mankind and we are proud of the privilege of coming together to revere and pay honor to the memory of the noble Upchurch. Remember that the A. O. U. W. is not in existence merely to pay an insurance of \$2,000. We are banded together to aid and assist those of our membership in distress. Charity is the great foundation stone of the structure. We are banded together to do good and through the efforts of individual members we accomplish in the aggregate a world of good and a great force has been born for the upbuilding of society."

Mr. Deuprey appealed to the wives, sisters and sweethearts who were present to urge upon husbands, brothers and lovers the importance of attending to their lodge work. Americans, he said, loved their homes. They were hallowed by the love of woman and if the women would come to the rescue the future of the A. O. U. W. would be greater than the past. The speaker also appealed to the members to be true to their Order. He cited the fact that the rare devotion of the citizens of Los Angeles to the interests of the city, and State had resulted in the upbuilding of a great city which ranked first in thrift and business advancement. "If the members of the A. O. U. W.", said Mr. Deuprey, "will stand up for their Order and manifest this same character of undying devotion the Order cannot help but go forward."

Several topical songs were given by Sam Booth, after which Judge D. J. Toohy of San Francisco, Grand Foreman, delivered a brief address. The judge spoke in a humorous vein, touching, as he said, "upon the beautiful aspects of the city. I have travelled in many lands and in every State in this union except one, and Los Angeles is the handsomest place on the face of the earth. But what is most striking is its animated beauty. There are beautiful women here, everywhere. One is lost in admiration of them and has no time to inspect the glories of nature."

Judge Toohy closed with a grand peroration on the Order and the entertainment was over. It was a pleasant success in every way and highly enjoyable.

Wednesday morning, between 8 and 10 o'clock the visiting delegates were taken on a carriage drive.

Friday many of the out-of-town delegates took a trip to Mt. Lowe.

Shieldisms.

—Members in good standing, March 1, 1895
339,123.

—Net gain in membership for past 12 months,
10,739.

—Net gain in membership in March, 1895, 1,417.
—Amount of Beneficiary Fund paid out in Feb.,
1895, \$767,537.83.

—Total Beneficiary Fund disbursed in 1894 to
January 1, 1895, as shown by the monthly reports,
\$7,159,656.33.

—Grand total Beneficiary Fund disbursed by
the Order from organization to Feb. 1, 1895, \$59,
536,396.66.

—New members admitted in Feb., 3,807.

—Members reinstated in Feb., 3,472.

—Members suspended in Feb., 5,518.

—Members died in Feb., 298.

—Members withdrawn, etc., from the Order in
Feb., 46.

—Total Relief Fund received to April 1, 1895,
on Call Nos. 14 and 15, including balance on hand
Jan. 1, 1895, \$320,662.72. Amount disbursed
\$320,408.10 Balance on hand April 1, 1895,
\$254.62.

—The record of 1893, as shown from the annual reports, gives net increase in membership over all losses, 16,776. Death rate per thousand members, 10.11. Average number of assessments made, 20. Amount paid to the widows and orphans, \$6,479,175.88. Total number of deaths during the year, 3,239.

—The Dakotas show the largest gain for February, being 418, Massachusetts next with 389, Kansas, third, with 226, followed by Ontario, 220; Nebraska, 207; Minnesota, 170; Indiana, 103. The balance showing gains are under one hundred.

—G. M. W. McCormick, in his report to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, says the net increase for the year has been over 1,000, and the death rate 8.5 per thousand. The Grand Recorder's report shows an increase in average age from 38.7 in 1883, to 39.7 in 1894.

—At the late session of the Grand Lodge of Maryland the Supreme Representatives were instructed to favor the extension of the age limit to 50 years and to vote for a \$1,000 certificate. One dollar per member per year was voted for purposes of extension of the Order. The Grand Lodge also donated \$300 to the Nebraska sufferers.

—Information just received from the Grand Recorder of Utah, Wyoming and Idaho as to the mine disaster at Evanston, Wyo., contradicts the Associated Press dispatches, wherein it was reported that THIRTY of the members of the A. O. U. W. were killed. The actual number of members of the Order that were lost was two.

—A bill introduced into the legislature of New York by Mr. Bold proposes to make all fraternal benefit associations deposit with the Superintendent of Insurance the sum of one hundred thousand dollars as a condition precedent to doing business in the State of New York. We judge the man is rightly named for it needs a bold man to introduce such a measure into a State so fully represented as New York on fraternal lines. Mr. Bold and his bill will probably die young.—Keystone Workman.

—The Grand Lodge session was made very pleasant by the presence of C. B. Boothe, P. G. M. W., of Massachusetts. His remarks and personal courtesies will long be remembered.

—J. W. Ward has been an untiring worker from the moment he entered the Grand Overseer's chair to date, and has no intention of slacking up although he has passed the chairs.

—Mrs. M. J. Stewart, P. G. C. of H., retires from her position as Chief Executive of the Degree of Honor with the grateful appreciation of all for her earnest and faithful labors.

—In the re-election of Mrs. Kate S. Poland as Grand Recorder and Miss O'Hea as Grand Receiver, the G. L. of the D. of H. has paid a compliment to two most efficient officers.

—Grand Master Workman Toohy will be an earnest aid to the D. of H.

—It is suggested that a great union picnic be held in August on the anniversary of the establishment of the Order in California at some central point, easy of access, say, at San Jose, in which Santa Cruz, San Francisco and Alameda counties could unite. The railways have signified their willingness to afford extraordinary facilities at very low rates.

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—California favors the admission of women to membership on equal terms.

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—On the evening of April 20th, Grand Master Workman D. J. Toohy made an official visit to Harmony Lodge, No. 9; a large attendance of members were treated to a most interesting and eloquent address by that worthy officer. His stirring appeal to those present to build up their lodge had a decided effect and no doubt many went away determined to work, as of old, for this noble Order. Our Grand Master is held in high esteem by Harmony Lodge, as is shown at all times when he visits us. Deputy William Thackeray was present and, in his usual way, spoke at length on the proceedings of the recent Grand Lodge session. Master Workman D. McSweeney welcomed the visitors in brief remarks; the evening was well spent; we still hold the fourth place in number in the jurisdiction and propose to continue the same." [L. JOHNSEN, Recorder.]

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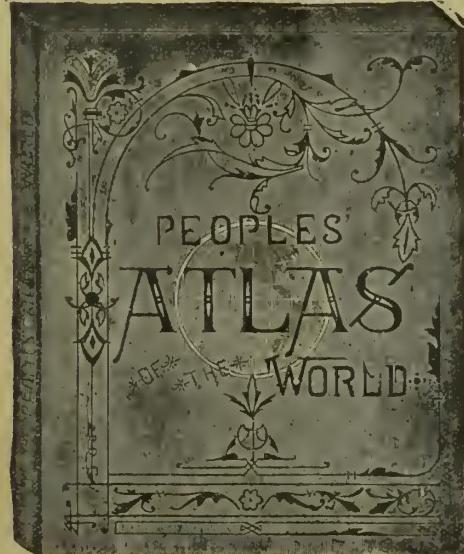
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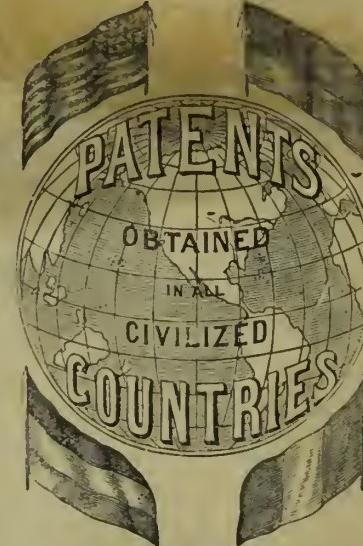
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THIS IS THE MONTH
TO PAY YOUR
LODGE DUES.

OFFICIAL.

The \$1,000 Certificate.

OFFICE OF THE SUPREME MASTER WORKMAN,
LAWRENCE, KANSAS, August 13th, 1895.

D. J. Toohy, Esq., G. M. W., San Francisco, Cal.—Dear Sir and Brother: Your favor of the 6th inst. at hand, in which you asked this question (embodied in the resolution by you quoted), to-wit: "If the amendment to General Law 8, Sections 1 to 4, does not permit the immediate issuance of \$1,000 certificates by said Grand Lodge of California without waiting for the next annual session to formally enact legislation on the subject," the question being predicated upon the fact alleged that at two sessions of said Grand Lodge it had unanimously expressed itself in favor of the \$1,000 certificate. I feel satisfied that should I contend myself with giving simply a negative answer, I would not in the least disappoint yourself or the other legal members present at your conference.

General Law 8 is binding upon Grand Lodges, except as its provisions may be modified by some other sections of our laws.

General Law 10 provides for a certain degree of independence on the part of Grand Lodge jurisdictions, but yet lays down certain propositions or principles which are declared to be fundamental, so that I think we must construe the two laws together and not separately.

In General Law 10, Sec. 3, principle 1, we find that prior to June, 1895, it was incumbent on every jurisdiction to provide in its or their laws, that the amount or extent of participation in the Beneficiary Fund should be two thousand dollars; but at the meeting of June, 1895, said principle was so amended as that the amount of participation should be one or two thousand dollars, but shall in no case exceed two thousand dollars, nor be less than one thousand dollars; provided, that the issuance of one thousand dollars shall be optional with Grand Lodges."

Had the Supreme Lodge in the above legislation used the word "jurisdictions" instead of "lodges" it might have, with some show of consistency, been argued that the executive officers could have put the provision in force—but it did not use that word. Therefore we must consider certain other provisions of law.

In order to provide for the issuance of the \$1,000 certificate it is necessary that several amendments, changes, or modifications of existing laws should be made in the jurisdiction desiring to issue such certificates—which changes need not be mentioned here, as they will readily suggest themselves to your mind. Such changes can only be properly made by the Grand Lodge in stated meeting, or special meeting called for that purpose. When so made such laws can become effective only when "approved by the Supreme Lodge or, upon the recommendation of the Supreme Lodge Committee on Laws, by the Supreme Master Workman" (see Const. S.L., Sec. 33), and such approval will be given only when the proposed amendments have been strictly in accord with the law of such Grand Lodge governing amendments, certified so to have been done by the proper officer under seal.

We thus find ourselves hedged about with so many provisions that it seems clear to my mind that: No Grand Lodge Beneficiary Jurisdiction can issue the \$1,000 beneficiary certificate until such Grand Lodge either at a stated meeting, or

ASSESSMENT NOTICE FOR SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Whole Number of Deaths, 3,065.

ASSESSMENTS NOS. 22 and 23.

Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., of California.

To all members of the A. O. U. W. of California in good standing September 1, 1895.

You are hereby notified of the following deaths occurring in our Order in this jurisdiction.

OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER,
SAN FRANCISCO, SEPTEMBER 1, 1895.

Asst. No.	NAME.	Age.	No. Death.	Date of Admission.	Date of Death.	Date of Filing	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	CAUSE.
22	Chas. Hartwen.....	43	166	Jan. 28, 1890	Apr. 13, 1895	Aug. 24, 1895	West End	175	Alameda	Lost at Sea.
	Ellison L. Crawford....	62	167	Aug. 11, 1879	June 22, "	" 9, "	Georgetown	121	Georgetown.....	Inflammation of Stomach
	Henry Waldeck.....	62	168	Nov 28, 1882	July 3, "	" 16, "	do	121	do	Malarial Fever.
	Henry Johnson.....	51	169	Jan. 16, 1882	" 5,	July 27, "	Memorial.....	174	San Francisco.....	Consumption.
	Frank W. Fulkerson.....	28	170	Jun. 22, 1892	" 6,	" 29,	Monrovia	260	Monrovia.....	do do
	Chas. C. Terrill.....	62	171	Apr. 24, 1878	" 14,	Aug. 1, "	Valley	30	San Francisco.....	Cancer of Pancreas
	Thos. A. Goodwin.....	62	172	Feb. 15, 1876	" 19,	July 29,	California.....	1	Oakland.....	Apoplexy.
	John Charlsen.....	49	173	Jan. 10, 1881	" 24,	Aug. 16,	Magnolia.....	41	San Francisco.....	Aneurism of Aorta
	Wm. H. Mendell.....	56	174	Oct. 15, 1881	" 31,	" 19,	Eden.....	204	San Lorenzo.....	Heart Disease.
	Robt. Fisher.....	58	175	July 30, 1878	Aug. 1, "	" 21,	Oroville.....	40	Oroville.....	Bright's Disease.
	Alexander Korn.....	54	176	Nov. 20, 1878	" 3,	" 19,	Washington	60	San Francisco.....	Cronic Ctrh of Stomach.
	Conrad Leichner.....	51	177	May 4, 1888	" 4,	" 21,	Spartan	36	do do	Oncr' of Stomach.
	Frank Buxton.....	50	178	Apr. 6, 1881	" 5,	" 26,	Valley	30	do do	Apoplexy.
	Oosma Arce.....	45	179	Sept. 22, 1888	" 7,	" 19,	Wilmington.....	130	Wilmington.....	Pneumonia.
	Zachariah Haines.....	54	180	Oct. 4, 1883	" 13,	" 22,	Dunnigan	215	Dunnigan	do do
	J. L. Dereemer.....	56	181	Nov. 17, 1880	" 13,	" 24,	Blue Canon.....	184	Blue Canon.....	Dropsey.
	Frederick Shelton.....	62	182	Mar. 30, 1880	" 18,	" 26,	Stockton	23	Stockton	Consumption

The above necessitates levying Assessments Nos. 22 and 23, amounting to TWO DOLLARS, which must be paid to the Financier of your Lodge on or before September 28, 1895, otherwise your beneficiary certificate will stand suspended. (G. L. Const., Sec. 42.)

Fraternally in O. H. and P.,

D. S. HIRSHBERG,

Grand Recorder.

WILLIAM BRODERICK,
THOMAS W. BETHELL, } Finance Committee.
E. J. FENNIN,

Approved



special meeting, called for that purpose, has made the necessary changes in existing law to provide therefor, and such changes or amendments have been duly approved as provided for in Section 33, Supreme Lodge Constitution.

I can most heartily reciprocate all your expressions of good will toward myself personally and officially, and regret that I cannot assist, in the manner indicated in your letter, the California jurisdiction to do what her earnest and devoted brethren believe will be for her good. Believe me to be truly and fraternally yours,

Jos. E. Riggs, S. M. W.

What Constitutes the Best Lodge.

DEAR WATCHMAN:—We talk a great deal, and especially those of us who are reminiscent, about the best lodges of the State. As a general proposition and from considerations of loyalty and personal attachment every member ought to consider his own lodge the best; but waiving this, it may be interesting in pursuing this line of investigation, to take a few of what we are accustomed to regard as our great lodges, and glance briefly at the characteristics which have made them so.

Valley Lodge, No. 30, has long enjoyed the distinction of being, numerically, the largest lodge in the jurisdiction. This numerical superiority has enabled it to pay all of its relief calls, incidental expenses, and an occasional beneficiary assessment out of the surplus of its General Fund, and to indulge in the giving of "stag" or other parties, which involve the expenditure of a little money.

Unity Lodge, No. 27, is another of those which we have been accustomed to regard as of great lodges. Early in its history this lodge placed upon its statute books a by-law, making provision for such of its members as became old and indigent, and if the ultimate result of this provision was not such as to fulfill the hopes of its projectors, it was proof, at all events, of the benevolence of their intentions. They also gave such evidence, in other directions, of a broad and liberal tendency

as to gain for the lodge the enviable sobriquet of "Old Hospitality."

Saints John Lodge, as its name would seem to indicate, had a Masonic paternity and gathered around its altars a most respectable body of men who were members of that great Order. While this lodge did not aspire to an imposing membership roll, it proved the adaptability of the Order to the needs of all kinds and conditions of men.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 26, while not one of the numerically great lodges, manifested in its earlier history such a spirit of enlightened enterprise as to gain for itself an enviable reputation through all the jurisdiction. This lodge set the other subordinates of the State the example of building a lodge hall of its own. It also established a library for the use of the lodge members and their families.

All of these are most excellent characteristics, and do honor to the lodges which adopted them. But the trouble with these lodges seems to have been, that when they had arrived at a certain condition of excellence and prosperity, they lay back on their laurels, giving the impression that they had done all they could, or at all events, all that ought to be expected of them, for the good of the Order. Reputation is a good thing to have achieved, and a good thing to look back to, but unfortunately lodges cannot exist on reputation. I am afraid that most of these great lodges have, during the past few years, been trying to live on their former reputations.

My dear WATCHMAN, it would be merely the repetition of a saying, already become trite, that our most urgent need in California to-day, is the addition of new members. It therefore follows that the lodge which is most effectually filling this need is doing the best work, and entitled to be considered "The Best Lodge." In this ultimate arbitrament, none of the great lodges above mentioned could stand in competition.

In last month's WATCHMAN, an account was given of a lodge, in an obscure town near the Oregon border, which in four months had been organized and built up to quite respectable proportions, by the almost unaided efforts of one

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man. In this number will be found an account of a very respectable boom in one of the most obscure of the outlying lodges of San Francisco. In this lodge, also, the work is being mainly done by Master Workman McMahon. In one month Golden West has added to the roll of its membership fifteen new members, and the gallant little lodge proposes to keep up the boom till they have added at least fifty.

At this present writing, therefore, please record my vote in favor of Pokegama, or Northern Light Lodge, No. 285, and Golden West Lodge, No. 264, as being entitled to be considered the "best lodges" in the State.

Hail to thee, Golden West,
Of all the lodges **BEST**,
All glory thine.
Let not thy zeal abate,
Till each lodge in the State
Shall try to emulate
Thy work divine.

Hail to thee, Northern Light,
Shine out with all thy might,
Through all the skies.
Till other lodges view
The good work done by you
Way up in Siskiyou,
And do likewise.

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"Some of Ivy's Ideas."**ONE EVENING.**

During recess several diversions. Salutations of the different people of the world were first carried out, and in it Brothers Wood and Ingler, as Chinese Mandarins, were perfect in their salaams, some of the sisters being observant enough to recognize the high-toned Chinese style of their domestics in the graceful salutes.

Brother Reynolds and Sister Jacobson, as representatives of the Fiji Islands caused considerable amusement with a cup of water.

Brother Marks and Brother Cohen, as residents of Kalamazoo, surprised all by their acrobatic greeting.

Brothers Isaacs and Hodges, Kings of the Cannibal Islands, would have done better if fat Brother Isaacs had hopped with more agility. As the fat brother stated, however, Brother Isaacs never cared whether "hops" went up or down.

The fair maid of Cairo, Sister Roundey and Samuels, greeted each other in pure Egyptian, greatly to the edification of the Chaldeans, the Syrians and the Egyptians present.

Sister Wood, who originated the game, was complimented on the amusement which it afforded.

The ring and candle game also caused a great deal of fun. In the latter game Sister Ingler defeated Brother Marks by blowing out the flame. The brother, however, lost the game by blowing out the candle, as also the brother who held it.

Sister Fulcher recited "My Mother's Prayer" with much feeling.

After recess Brother Ingler, who had been absent for some time, made eloquent remarks complimentary to Ivy Lodge.

Sister Sturrock spoke upon the benefits to be derived by taking out beneficiary certificates.

Sisters Mitchell, Richmond and Fulcher were appointed the "new attraction committee" for next Monday evening.

Sisters Van Court, Samuels and Judson were appointed the Committee on Entertainment for the regular monthly social.

ANOTHER EVENING.

During recess several laughable games were indulged in; Brother J. M. Cohen convulsing all present with his infectious laughter. Brother A. A. Wood did not impersonate a canine very well, many remarking that his "bark" was very green. Brother Isaacs, who tried to imitate the bleating of a lamb, was very indignant at the remark of one of the sisters that he looked very much like a "Buckley lamb;" (the brother says if this assertion is not retracted he will resign.) An invitation was received from Silver Star Lodge, Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., Temescal, to attend the installation of its officers, and was accepted. Many agreed to meet at 7:30 o'clock, corner Twelfth and Broadway, and from there take the Telegraph avenue cars to Temescal. Past Chief of Honor Mrs. Cogan, is conceded to be the best District Deputy Alameda county ever had, and a large crowd will undoubtedly be present to hear her in the installation ceremonies. Past Chief of Honor Mrs. Sturrock, on behalf of Sister Macdonald, who is on her way to bonnie Scotland, requested the lodge to remember her when it met on Monday evenings as her sweetest memories would always be of Ivy Lodge. Brother J. M. Cohen made an elegant

speech, laudatory of the splendid installation services as conducted at the preceding meeting. Mrs. Sturrock made an eloquent and unselfish plea on behalf of taking out beneficiary certificates, which was loudly applauded. Brother McAllister on behalf of Oak Leaf, No. 35, tendered a vote of thanks to the members of Ivy Lodge for their valuable services on the Fourth of July. A vote of thanks was also given by Ivy Lodge for the use of Syndicate Hall on the evening of the installation of the officers of Ivy Lodge.

AND ANOTHER.

The lodge room was very artistically decorated with evergreens and beautiful exotics, enhanced by the many pretty summer evening costumes. Delegations were present from Silver Star Lodge, Temescal, and Dawn of Hope Lodge, West Oakland. During the evening a new member was initiated. District Deputy Grand Chief of Honor Mrs. Cogan read a report upon an important matter pertaining to lodge affairs, which will be discussed at the next meeting. Chief of Honor Mrs. Marks appointed Sisters Carr, Donaldson and Parkinson the "new attraction committee" for next Monday evening. After lodge adjourned the following programme was given: Guessing how many letters in the word Boomerangderangchang; Sisters Wilkinson and Mayon guessed correctly. It being a draw straws were drawn and Sister Wilkinson, the lucky one, received a souvenir spoon as first prize; Sister Carr received the booby prize, a watch charm; both presents were the gifts of Brother Samuels, the jeweler; recitation, "The Beautiful Mule," by Brother Isaacs, was quite realistic; duett, "I Cannot Leave the Old Folks Now," by Sister Fulcher and daughter, was admirably rendered; recitation, "A Helpmate," by Lady of Honor Mrs. Oakes, was excellently recited; song, "You Can't Play in My Back Yard," with guitar accompaniment by Mrs. Cogan, was effectively sung and for an encore she recited "My Josiah;" recitation, "Two Little Heads With Curls," by Sister Donaldson was heartily applauded and for an encore she recited "Look Out for the Engine;" Brother Ingersoll read a "parrot story." Refreshments were served. The committee on refreshments consisted of Sisters Samuels, Van Court and Judson.

—Angel City Lodge, Degree of Honor, of Los Angels, gave a delightful open meeting on August 12th. The hall was crowded with visitors. The literary programme was as follows: Address of welcome by Brother John Kearney, District Deputy; piano solo by Mrs. Richmond; vocal solo by Mrs. Polly; violin solo by Professor Wisner, with piano accompaniment by Professor Gardner; address by Grand Overseer Mackay; vocal solo by Mrs. Kearse; address by Past Grand Master Booth; vocal duett by the Misses King; piano solo by Miss Kittie Pearl and a song by James Booth. The programme was thoroughly enjoyed. Refreshments were served, and then the floor was cleared for dancing, which was continued until a late hour. The affair was very successful, and reflected great credit on Angel City Lodge.

—That wide-awake Degree of Honor Lodge entitled Ivy, of Oakland, has struck the keynote "how to fill lodge rooms." It keeps competent committees constantly employed inventing novelties and attractions, and every session when work is finished (and they have plenty of it) a programme is given filled with entertainment, amusement and instruction. In another column we give "Some of Ivy's Ideas" that other subordinates may from them gather items and in turn fill their halls with members. It is well for officials to do good and excellent ritualistic work; it is well that ceremonies should be attractive and correct, but even the best play of Shakespeare, with the best company, seen often and often, becomes more or less monotonous to the constant attendant, and the best work of any lodge in the world, with the best officials, needs now and then something else to make the evening attractive. Ivy realizes this, and its novel methods to present such inducements to members that they cannot keep away from the lodge merits the rich success achieved. Look at some of the "Ivy Ideas," and see if you cannot find a remedy for sparse attendance in some of your lodges.

—Our Grand Officers deserve credit for their constant efforts on behalf of the Order. Night after night they are among the lodges.

—Minerva Lodge, D. of H., made a friendly call on Golden Dawn Lodge on August 24th. The Grand Chief of Honor was also present, and the evening was a joyous one.

—The drill team of Pacific Lodge are hard at work. This sterling subordinate is doing well.

Grand Lodge of California, A. O. U. W.

Offices—Flood Building, 4th and Market St., San Francisco. D. J. Toohy, S. F., G. M. W.; Wm. Vinter, San Jose, G. F., A. F. Mackey, Los Angeles, G. O.; D. S. Hirshberg, S. F., Grand Recorder; Samuel Booth, S. F., Grand Receiver. Next session will be held the first Tuesday in April, 1896, in San Francisco.

Receipts and Disbursements.**BENEFICIARY FUND.**

Dr.

Balance on hand July 1, 1895.....	\$ 618 00
Amount received during July, 1895.....	48,123 00

Total	\$ 48,741 00
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By Warrants Issued.

No. 5,073, Beneficiary, Jacob Peterson	\$ 2,000 00
" 5,074, " R. A. F. Westphal	2,000 00
" 5,075, " E. J. Thomas	2,000 00
" 5,076, " Charles E. Chave	2,000 00
" 5,077, " Henry M. Hink	2,000 00
" 5,078, " E. T. Shoemaker	2,000 00
" 5,079, " W. Mayer	2,000 00
" 5,080, " George H. Lewis	2,000 00
" 5,081, " James M. Smith	2,000 00
" 5,082, " William G. Jones	2,000 00
" 5,083, " James W. Waldie	2,000 00
" 5,084, " Charles N. Casler	2,000 00
" 5,085, " John P. Poole	2,000 00
" 5,086, " T. J. Le Tourneau	2,000 00
" 5,087, " James L. Libbey	2,000 00
" 5,088, " Eldridge G. Miles	2,000 00
" 5,089, " Andrew Kness	2,000 00
" 5,090, " James L. Betterton	2,000 00
" 5,091, " William Wolf	2,000 00
" 5,092, " William J. Brownrigg	2,000 00
" 5,093, " William Thunen	2,000 00
" 5,094, " John H. Crocker	2,000 00
" 5,095, " Deitrich H. Evers	2,000 00
" 5,096, " William Horace Lee	2,000 00

Total Disbursements.....	\$ 48,000 00
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Balance on hand.....	\$ 741 00
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GENERAL FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand July 1, 1895.....	\$ 1,163 89
Amount received during July, 1895.....	11,095 88

Total	\$ 12,259 77
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Warrants Issued.

No. 1,109, Contingent, D. J. Toohy	100 00
" 1,110, Expense, Standard Typewriter Ex.....	6 00
" 1,111, Expense, S. P. Taylor Paper Co.....	4 50
" 1,112, Expense, W. T. Thomson	2 00
" 1,113, Printing, Commercial Publishing Co ..	49 90
" 1,114, Expense, Maud Rice	35 00
" 1,115, Janitor, W. W. Butler	7 00
" 1,116, Expense, Pacific T. & T. Co	6 90
" 1,117, Expense, J. L. Mayon	23 10
" 1,118, Expense, Pacific States Watchman.....	356 25
" 1,119, Rent, L. C. Fraser	60 00
" 1,120, Contingent, Postage	43 30
" 1,120, Contingent, Expressage	2 35
" 1,120, Contingent, Sundries	1 65
" 1,121, Supplies, Payot, Upham & Co	14 05
" 1,122, Supplies, J. O. Jephson & Co	22 50
" 1,123, Salary, Wm. Broderick	30 00
" 1,124, Salary, Thos. W. Bethell	30 00
" 1,125, Salary, E. J. Fennan	30 00
" 1,126, Interest, Cal. Safe Deposit & Trust Co ..	53 33
" 1,127, Loan, Cal. Safe Deposit & Trust Co ..	10,000 00
" 1,128, Salary, D. S. Hirshberg	316 66
" 1,129, Salary, Samuel Booth	50 00

Total Disbursements	\$ 11,249 49
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Balance on hand.....	\$ 1,010 28
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RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand July 1, 1895.....	\$ 47 75
Amount received during July, 1895.....	40 00

Total	\$ 87 75
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NEBRASKA SUFFERERS' FUND.

Balance on hand June 1, 1895.....	\$ 4 90
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Total	\$ 4 90
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Warrant No. 23, Geo. H. Barber, Grand Recorder.	\$ 4 90
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McCABE FUND.

Balance on hand July 1, 1895.....	\$ 788 88
Received during July, 1895.....	51 75

Total	\$ 840 63
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Warrant No. 22, Mrs. Fannie McCabe.....	840 63
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BERNARD OLSEN FUND.

Balance on hand July 1, 1895.....	\$ 4 20
Warrant No. 24, Mrs. Mary Olsen.....	4 20

TOTAL BALANCES ON HAND JULY 1, 1895.	
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In Beneficiary Fund.....	\$ 741 00
In General Fund.....	1,010 28
In Relief Fund	87 75

Grand Total..	\$ 1,839 03
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SAN FRANCISCO, August 5, 1895.

We, your finance committee, have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Recorder and Grand Receiver and find the same to agree and are correct.

WILLIAM BRODERICK,	Finance
THOS. W. BETHELL,	Committee
E. J. FENNAN,	

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ONCE AGAIN—If you wish changes made in addresses, the former as well as new address must be given.

Subscribers not receiving THE WATCHMAN by the 8th of the month should immediately notify us. Do not wait a single day!

Some Queries?

BYRON, August 11th, 1895.

DEAR BROTHER BARNES:—Just finished reading the WATCHMAN; I found several things I need to be informed on. At our last meeting the question came up how much is our per capita tax. Grand Recorder Hirshberg had been asked the question and replied: "Your per capita is \$37.00 because your membership is 37." Then our representatives said \$1.00 a member has to be paid on the 1st of July and another 60 cents on the 1st of January 1896. But now the first thing I see in WATCHMAN is the notice of No. 75 to its members to pay their "semi-annual per capita tax of 50 cents." Now, which is which?

My second enquiry is in regard to the \$1,000 certificate. It was adopted by the Supreme Lodge. Is it the law now that any subordinate lodge may admit members to hold such \$1,000 certificate, or must our Grand Lodge at its next session have further legislation on the matter? If not, then why do we not hear from our Grand Lodge and be instructed?

My first question might have found its answer in the latest proceedings of the Grand Lodge. I did borrow it to read at home, but could not monopolize it. I would suggest, therefore, that copies may be furnished to P. M. W.'s who apply for them, gratis or at cost price.

About graded assessments I must say my lodge most assuredly would not be in favor of it.

Fraternally,

F. RAHMSTORF, P. M. W.

[In answer to Brother Rahmtorf we would reply:

1.—The per capita tax is \$1.00 per year.

2.—The notice in last WATCHMAN was to the individual members of No. 75, and a local matter which has no connection with any other lodge. We open our columns to all lodges, free, to give any notice to their own members, and for various reasons, No. 75 desired its members to pay this amount extra of their dues.

3.—Regarding the \$1,000 certificate, there was held a meeting of the Grand and Past Grand Officers some time ago to discuss the situation, and to what extent the recent law could be construed. For two years the Grand Lodge of California has expressed its unanimous desire for the issuance of the \$1,000 certificate, and the question discussed was whether the recent legislation of the Supreme Lodge would permit the same to be put immediately in force, or whether it was requisite to have such legislation re-enacted, etc., by our Grand Lodge. Pending the decision, a resolution was forwarded to Supreme Master Workman Riggs by Grand Master Workman Toohy, and the answer to same, covering the entire question, will be found in another column.

4.—Subordinate lodges cannot admit members to hold \$1,000 certificates until they receive official instructions upon the subject.

5.—The number of Past Master Workmen in this State is so large that the expense would be something enormous to furnish a copy of the bound proceedings free to each, but there is no

doubt but what should any number of said brethren prior to the session specify their desire to have copies of said journal arrangements could be made to furnish them with such at a very nominal cost per copy.

6.—California Workmen have ever looked upon graded assessments as a fallacy and a snare which, while plausible on its face, is not warranted by experience; and which when examined by the duration of fraternal life, and the great and certain factor of suspensions, will be found to be unjust and inequitable—ED. P. S. W.]

Valley Lodge, No. 30.

Had its lodge room filled up to overflowing on the occasion of its "stag party." Not such a gathering of the old-timers had been witnessed in this lodge room for many months. The M. W. called Treasurer McCarty to the chair, who called upon the brethren for remarks, and responses were heard from E. F. Joy, Wm. H. Barnes, Brother Hayes, the first Past Master of Valley, Wm. H. Jordan, P. S. M. W., M. T. Brewer, P. G. M. W., Grand Recorder Hirshberg (who during his remarks presented an elegant diamond-set badge to Past Deputy Joy), Sam Booth (with original and pointed songs), Brother Curtiss (the harmonican artist), a mandolin trio, etc. It was a good and enjoyable session. Reminiscences, inspiring sentiments, genial expressions and enthusiasm characterized the evening. Receiver J. M. Camp, Recorder T. H. Lord and the committee worked ably to make all feel at home, and were successful in the effort. It was like days of yore to look upon the faces of many of those who in olden time were stalwart and untiring laborers in the field of Workmanship. Their work is needed now as much, if not more, than ever. Notwithstanding the thousands upon thousands of dollars that have been and are being paid out in the A. O. U. W. in California, there are many of our citizens who do not realize the greatness of the Order and its unparalleled work. Hundreds of homes, even in this day of practical fraternity, are unprotected, and women and children would be left in poverty and want should their husbands and fathers be called away from earth. Pains should be taken by the individual member at least to call to his neighbor's attention the mighty Order known as the A. O. U. W. Without for a moment intending to disparage any other association of any character, it will be conceded by all that the A. O. U. W. stands far ahead of any similar fraternity in numbers, strength and influence. There is no experiment or risk in joining it. It has weathered the storms and vicissitudes which come to all orders, and is but the more powerful and stalwart from its contact with experience. It has reached its maximum, and is able to tell to a penny what it will cost its members to safely and surely carry the protection of \$2,000. It has paid out sixty millions of dollars and more to 30,000 families without a protest, and never challenge a single payment. It has gone to the homes of the bereaved and placed the shield of affection above the heads of those who mourned; it has counseled the widow, assisted the orphan in education and support, and in unnumbered ways benefitted the age.

All of these points, with encouraging and inspiring words, were embodied in the remarks of those who addressed the meeting of Valley. The committee are to be commended for their admirable presentation of such an array of practical and valuable entertainment as was enjoyed by the great assemblage on this occasion.

Past Masters' Association.

The first Monday evening in each month this band of tried old workers hold their business meeting at the Alcazar Building. Giving their time and the benefit of their long experience to aid on the good work, their visits to many subordinates have been fraught with good—practical good. Some of the dormant have been awakened, the younger element inspired to action, and some of the older ones rejuvenated. Each month at some lodge, a brother is elected to give an essay, lecture, address, etc., and these are replete with profit and information to the hearers. Last month in Golden Gate Lodge, William Broderick, P. M. W. of No. 30, spoke upon "Co-operation," bringing out many new and sterling ideas upon that somewhat well-known theme. In a fair and impartial manner he presented the arguments for and against, but conclusively proved that honest, systematic and harmonious co-operation always resulted and would result to the benefit of those engaged, while that which took the name of "co-operation" merely to benefit the few at the expense of the many, was unworthy and disastrous. He drew a picture with the A. O. U. W. as the illus-

tration, showing what had been, was and would be accomplished. This was a co-operation in entirely selfish character. A working for others, and not ourselves, which was the noblest form of effort, and not entirely without reward, for while engaged in such, the consciousness of duty well done, was supplemented by the enjoyment of contact with honest hearts working in the same cause, and the assurance of aid, comfort and counsel in the day of trial. It was enjoyed by all who had the privilege of being present.

Eugene N. Deuprey, P. G. M. W., will speak under the auspices of the Association at Bernal Lodge, 16th and Valencia streets, on Monday evening, September 16th, and next month Past Master Workman Adams will address Burns Lodge.

Explanatory.

Some months ago, a note was received from parties occupying rooms in the Y. M. C. A. Building, desiring that a representative of this paper should call upon them in reference to placing an advertisement in this journal. Past Grand Master Workman Brewer kindly called upon them for us, the result being that the advertisement headed "LOST," and referring to real estate, building houses, etc., appeared in our columns. Recently a letter was received stating that said parties had been written to upon business and no reply received, and a note from another brother stated that he believed said advertisement was intended as a deception and fraud. Upon this the advertisement was taken out, and we requested Brother Brewer to investigate. His examination resulted in the following letter:

"SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., August 5th, 1895.

"DEAR BROTHER BARNES:—I find that the parties advertising removed from the building some two months ago, and upon enquiry of the employees there I learned that the concern was considered an absolute fraud, and that they had managed to collect a good deal of money from parties for lands and houses, all of which was 'lost' to those who did business with them. I also learned that they had made arrangements with many papers for advertising, and paid no one. The parties' names I could not learn, as they appear to have been nameless in all their transactions.

Fraternally, M. T. BREWER."

The WATCHMAN has always been zealously careful of what was published in its columns, whether reading or advertising matter. Scores of questionable advertisements, many of which appear in other papers, have been offered it and declined. In this instance, the locality of the advertisers in the Y. M. C. A. Building, and a knowledge of the care exercised by the management of said building in tenants, was to us a sufficient guarantee of correctness, beside seeing the advertisement, in other respectable and standard journals.

We regret exceedingly if the appearance of this advertisement in the WATCHMAN has in any way assisted these people in their fraudulent transactions or given them a publicity which might aid their schemes. We had much rather not have a single advertisement in the paper than to publish one which could be objected to by a single reader on account of the questionable nature of the business advertised, or of in any way fostering the schemes of the unprincipled.

What Deputy Graves Thinks.

MODESTO, CAL., August 12th, 1895.

DEAR BROTHER BARNES:—In the WATCHMAN for August there appears a request for each lodge to select one of its members to correspond with the WATCHMAN, and believing that a united action on the part of the lodges would be of great assistance to our valuable paper, I at once organized myself into a committee of the whole and appointed myself as your correspondent for the remainder of this year, and will commence by saying the WATCHMAN is highly appreciated by the members of our lodge, and each month contains many valuable suggestions and points of law, but the trouble is that all of our members do not carefully study them, as I find, by speaking to some of them about certain articles, the reply too often is, "I had not noticed that."

Brothers, read and study each article and you will be better informed about our noble Order. One of the articles in the last issue that is of vast importance to all is the action of our Supreme Representatives. They have done nobly and we can truthfully say "well done good and faithful servants," and we only hope that our next Supreme Representatives will continue the good fight until

our laws are so changed that we can practice more fraternity and less cold formal law. And now a word about whom a brother shall make his beneficiary certificate payable to. We have many brothers who have been paying assessments and dues for seventeen years, and as a matter of fact are getting old; their certificates are payable to their wives, and many of them have no children. Now, supposing a brother joined the Order at the age of 50 years and pays for 20 years; and his wife dies, leaving no children; the brother would be then be 70 years of age, too old to obtain employment whereby to support himself, and, in many instances, has no relatives within thousands of miles; relatives whom they have never seen or heard of for 30 or 40 years; who have not and will not in any way assist the brother in his declining years.

Under our existing law are we not virtually saying to that brother "you have been a good member; have paid in more money than we expected you would when you joined the Order, and we stood ready to pay your wife \$2,000, if you had died first, but in as much as you have outlived her, there are only two alternatives: You must make your beneficiary payable to some relative, who cares nothing for you, and for whom you care nothing, and continue to struggle to make a living and pay out assessments for some one else, or else you must drop out of the Order!"

Are we not virtually saying "we have got about all the money out of you that we can expect to get, and if we can get rid of you we will save \$2,000 to the Order?"

I feel assured that our Supreme Lodge does not for an instant entertain such a view, yet these are the facts as I see them, and in our own lodge we have a brother to whom this case applies, he having lost his wife over a year ago, and he says "if the law is not changed he must drop out, as he sees no justice in his paying out money to benefit some one who cares nothing for him;" and we have many more members who will be similarly situated if their wives were to die.

Fraternally, JOHN M. GRAVES,
D. D. G. M. District No. 1, Stanislaus Co.

Some Thoughts for Young Men.

It is not our hobby at all to give advice to young men, for usually they think that they possess sufficient knowledge to guide them through their future career. Every young man should discount the future, which means, in short, to so thoroughly equip themselves in the present that, when the future arrives, they will be able to meet its demands boldly, fearlessly and without hesitancy. Young men, too frequently, think nothing of the demands that may be made upon them, spend their time in present gratification, and ere long find themselves without home, friends and money.

Whatever a young man's income may be, large or small, a certain portion should be set aside, even though to do this he finds that he must practice the utmost economy. It is a very good plan to invest a certain sum in life insurance, especially on the endowment plan, which is only another form of saving deposit. It is well to connect yourself with a fraternal organization, Odd Fellows preferable, to insure yourself doubly against the changes that that might come upon you when you would be in need of aid through sickness or inability to perform your regular duties. In the struggle for existence you will find many things that will militate against you, and it is always well to protect yourself in some measure against these vicissitudes.

Be temperate. It will pay you to look carefully after these habits that may grow. Temperate habits are very easily formed in youth, which will be just as easy for you to follow as intemperate habits are once they are formed early in life. You can well afford to refuse to drink. No one has lost position or station in life because they adhered faithfully to settled convictions concerning sobriety. You think it seems rude to refuse "the cup" when some friend asks you to have a social glass, but you can refuse kindly and in such a manner, with proper tact, as to cause no offense, and, in all cases, your friend's estimation of you will be increased; certainly it will be if he is a real friend. If you smoke, do so in moderation. The tobacco habit is expensive and you should by all means curtail all expenditures that are useless and hardly commendable.

One thing remember: In your twenties prepare yourself for thirties and forties. Between thirty and fifty years of age you must gain the position in life that you would wish to occupy. Honors may come to you after this period but your real worth, your best labor will be won and

expended during this period. If you lose your opportunities at this time your chances to regain them afterwards is much less. You can afford to be social, and you need not deny yourself the pleasures of social intercourse, but in no way should allow these times to interfere with your business. The latter you cannot slight if you ever hope to make a success of life. Be generous, sympathetic and kind, but in no instance permit your sympathy to outweigh your calm, considerate judgment.

If you are working for an employer make his interests your interests. Do not undertake to slight your work nor do not pay too strict a regard to the time for closing the day's work. A little "after hours" is always appreciated by the right kind of an employer and, in most cases, it is the surest method to promotion. Make yourself indispensable to the establishment, and you will find you will not need to search for employment.

Regard the truth with reverence, and follow it as the only safe and sure means to success. It may be a slow and toilsome struggle, but it is the only right standard by which to measure success.—Iowa Odd Fellow.

A MOST IMPORTANT DECISION.

As a rule the Courts of the land will not interfere with decisions of fraternities, unless it can be shown that said fraternities have failed to comply with their own constitutional law. In the case of Seaside Lodge, No. 12, of Oregon, Judge McBride holds that the Supreme Master Workman and the Supreme Lodge, A. O. U. W., have violated their own law, in ordering the reinstatement of an expelled member of Seaside Lodge, etc. The decision is so important and the argument of the Judge embraces such a range of thought and opinion that it is deemed of value to give the same in full:

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Clatsop county, Seaside Lodge, No. 12, A. O. U. W., and William Pohl, Master Workman of said Seaside Lodge, No. 12, plaintiffs vs. the Grand Lodge of Oregon, A. O. U. W., et al., defendants.

This matter comes upon motion to strike out the amended complaint filed herein. The complaint is very voluminous and it is not possible to state all the facts presented by it except in the most genial way. The complaint set forth in substance that Seaside Lodge is a member of the Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon, and that W. W. Brannin is Grand Master Workman and Newton Clark Grand Recorder of the Grand Lodge.

That on the 20th day of May, 1893, one I. L. Osgood, after due trial, was convicted upon certain charges, particularly set forth in the complaint, and expelled from the Order, and that said sentence of expulsion was duly confirmed by the G. M. W. of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, A. O. U. W., and by the Grand Lodge of Oregon, upon appeal by said Osgood.

That at the date of the approval of the said sentence of expulsion by the Grand Lodge, the Constitution of the Supreme Lodge of said Order, which constitution is the supreme law both of the Supreme Lodge and the subordinate lodges of the Order, provided that any person aggrieved by the action of the Grand Lodge could appeal to the Supreme Lodge from such action, which notice of appeal must be in writing and served within 30 days from the date of the decision appealed from.

That at said date and for a long period subsequent thereto, there was no rule of law of said Order permitting appeals to be made to the Supreme Master Workman, and that Osgood's only method of appeal was to the Supreme Lodge.

That said Osgood appealed or attempted to appeal from the decision of said Grand Lodge to the said G. M. W., and that said S. M. W., although he had no appellate power, entertained said appeal and wrongfully and unlawfully usurped appellate power and attempted to review and set aside the decision of the Grand Lodge of Oregon and commanded Seaside Lodge to reinstate said Osgood in the Order, which said order, Seaside Lodge refused to obey, and appealed therefrom to the Supreme Lodge.

That at the next regular session of the Supreme Lodge, said body in defiance of its Constitution and of the laws of the Order, wrongfully and unlawfully undertook to affirm said unjust and unlawful decision, and ordered and directed Seaside Lodge to reinstate the said Osgood in said Seaside Lodge upon the payment of certain dues and sums of money and giving said Seaside Lodge the privilege of retrying said Osgood upon the same charges that had been heretofore presented, and upon which he had heretofore been tried and expelled.

That by said order, Osgood was given 60 days within which to pay his said dues and assessments,

while the Supreme Lodge Constitution only gives him 20 days within which to pay the same.

That said Seaside Lodge never reinstated said Osgood, but fearing that its charter might be suspended by the G. M. W., either upon his own motion, or because of the order of the S. M. W., and because of said unlawful orders aforesaid, again called up said cause and retried said Osgood, and again expelled him from the Order. Upon the said trial he refused to plead, but the lodge, notwithstanding his refusal, which by the rules of the Order amounts to a plea of "guilty," proceeded to take evidence, and again expelled him from the Order.

That said sentence is still in force, and not reversed by any official communication to Seaside Lodge.

That on the 21st day of February, 1895, the G. M. W. of the Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon, notified Seaside Lodge that said Osgood was entitled to a clearance card from said Order and from Seaside Lodge, and ordering and directing that the Grand Recorder of said lodge be authorized to issue to said Osgood a clearance card, and also threatening to suspend the charter of said Seaside Lodge because of the acts hereinbefore set forth. The complaint further sets forth the damage that would be done to Seaside Lodge by suspension of its charter, showing that it has several hundred members holding beneficiary certificates to the amount of several hundred thousand dollars, which would be jeopardized by such action, and showing the injury and inconvenience that would result to members thereby. It also set forth in full what purports to be the law, rules, constitutions and usages of the Order, which by comparison with the printed copies of the same presented at the hearing, I find generally correct.

It is claimed on the argument by the defendants, that part of the complaint relating to the first trial and expulsion of Osgood and his subsequent attempted appeal, and the action thereon by the S. M. W. and the Supreme Lodge is irrelevant, and should be stricken out, because the complaint shows that Seaside Lodge acquiesced in the Order by retrying Osgood and expelling him, and that therefore any defect in the proceedings of the Supreme Lodge in reinstating was waived, and that by assuming to again try him, Seaside Lodge impliedly reinstated him. While this view has been learnedly and plausibly argued, I cannot assent to its correctness. I think the following principles are the undisputed landmarks in the law governing benevolent societies of this character:

First—That they have full right to provide constitutions and by-laws for their government and the government of their members, so long as such rules are not in contravention of the laws of the land or sound rules of public policy.

Second—That when such constitutions and by-laws are made, they are binding upon the Order and upon all its officers, from the lowest to the highest, and observance of them will be enforced by the Courts in favor of any member or body beneficially interested.

Third—Such constitutions and by-laws in beneficial organizations become part of the contract between the member and the Order, and cannot be changed except in the proper and orderly manner provided by the laws of the Order, and a violation of such constitutional right is the violation of the contract between the member and the Order, of which the Courts will in certain cases take cognizance.

Fourth—Before a party can appeal to the Courts for assistance, such party must usually exhaust all available remedies within the Order, and if he fails so to do, the Court will not assist him.

Fifth—The Order has usually the right to decide upon the facts of a particular case, and the Courts will not, except in extreme cases, involving fraud or gross oppression, disturb a finding of fact in a particular case.

Sixth—While the Courts will generally follow the interpretation of the law of the Order given by the governing bodies, the Courts are not absolutely bound to such interpretations, but as between members and their lodges, or between subordinate lodges and higher governing bodies, the Courts will construe such constitutions and by-laws for themselves, resorting to approved decisions and digests of the Order in doubtful cases.

Seventh—No right of appeal exists from the decision of a subordinate lodge to the G. M. W., or to the Grand Lodge, unless it is expressly given in some constitutional law of the Order.

Eighth—No right of appeal exists from the decision of the Grand Lodge unless it is expressly given by the Constitution of the Supreme Lodge.

Ninth—The method of appeal from the decision

of the Grand Lodge must be substantially pursued.

Tenth—An appeal to the S. M. W. is not an appeal to the Supreme Lodge.

Eleventh—When an appeal, erroneously taken, comes before the Supreme Lodge, it has no jurisdiction to do anything except to dismiss such appeal and to affirm the judgment of the Grand Lodge.

Twelfth—The Supreme Lodge obtains jurisdiction to hear and determine a case upon a question of fact or law, by virtue of a proper notice of appeal, served as required by its constitution, and a transcript sent up within the time and in the manner required by its constitution and not otherwise.

Thirteenth—A judgment pronounced by the Supreme Lodge upon an appeal not taken to it in accordance with the constitution of the Order, or taken to the S. M. W., and not to the Supreme Lodge, is wholly void.

Fourteenth—A subordinate lodge cannot waive the lack of jurisdiction in any way so as to make such void order of the Supreme Lodge legal.

The pleadings in this case, which for the purpose of this motion are to be taken as true, show that at the time when Osgood attempted to appeal to the S. M. W., there was no existing right of appeal to that official.

In attempting, therefore, to decide the merits of the controversy between Osgood and Seaside Lodge, he was an official trespasser without any authority to do anything in the premises.

(See Supreme Lodge Constitution, Section 23 and 29.)

When Seaside Lodge appealed from the decision of the S. M. W. to the Supreme Lodge, such lodge had jurisdiction under its constitution to do just two things, namely: to reverse the decision of the Supreme Master Workman and affirm the judgment of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. When without an appeal taken to it by Osgood it is attempted to restore him to the Order, it violated its own constitution, and its action was wholly void.

Nor did the action of Seaside Lodge in retrying Osgood render valid this void action of the Supreme Lodge.

Osgood had been expelled by Seaside Lodge, and its judgment had been approved by the G. M. W. and the Grand Lodge; he had failed to appeal to the Supreme Lodge; the time for taking such appeal had expired.

He therefore stood in the position of a person expelled from the Order, without any existing right of appeal. Could he be reinstated by an order of the Supreme Lodge or by waiver?

Section 56, Supreme Lodge Constitution, 1893, prescribes the manner in which an expelled member whose right of appeal is gone, may be reinstated.

He must be under 50 years of age, or as the law is now amended, he must be under 45 years of age; he must apply in writing to the subordinate lodge under whose jurisdiction he resided at the time the penalty was imposed; he must, if he applies to a lodge other than that which imposed the penalty, present the consent of such lodge with his application; he must undergo medical examination, and comply with the laws of the Order in relation to the initiation of new applicants, and be elected by the same vote.

According to this complaint the Supreme Lodge ignored the fact that he was there without an appeal, and that he was simply an expelled member, without any standing in its tribunals, and skipping over all these requirements, directed Seaside Lodge to reinstate him. The Supreme Lodge had no authority to make such an order, and Seaside Lodge had no authority to execute it. And it is alleged that it never did so.

Under these circumstances a trial of Osgood the second time was a mere void act. He was not a member of the Order, but an outsider, and if Seaside Lodge could make him a member by trying him for an offense against its laws, it could make any other person a member in the same manner.

He was an outsider and not a member of the Order when the trial began; he remained such during the trial, and is such yet, upon the case stated in the pleadings, and has been so since about August 23d, 1893.

This being the case, the G. M. W. had no authority to attempt his reinstatement or to direct that Seaside Lodge issue him a clearance card, or to threaten to discipline Seaside Lodge for failure or refusal to reinstate him in the lodge, or to cite said lodge to appear and show cause why its charter should not be suspended.

All these acts were no doubt dictated by a spirit of loyalty to the Supreme Lodge. The G. M. W. no doubt found himself placed in such a position that a refusal on his part to enforce the

edicts of the Supreme Lodge would involve him in a contest with a body that had already shown a disposition to over-ride its own constitution and which might by some further arbitrary act, jeopardize the great social and financial interests of its members in this jurisdiction, and, yielding to what he deemed superior force he made the orders complained of here.

Whatever the motive, his action cannot be sustained by this Court. When Seaside Lodge had followed the Osgood case to the Supreme Lodge it had exhausted its remedies inside the Order, and is not required to again go the round of Grand and Supreme Lodges before the Courts will interfere. If the facts stated in this complaint are true, plaintiffs are entitled to relief. A contest with the Supreme Lodge might be disastrous in its consequences to the Grand Lodge, but this Court has the power to end the controversy in a manner that will terminate it finally and conclusively.

Upon the proposition that two causes of suit are properly united I do not now express an opinion. I was rather inclined to think that this was so, and sustain a motion to strike out all that relates to the issuance of a clearance card by the Grand Lodge. But leave to amend has been obtained, and an amended complaint filed, and I reserve my opinion on that subject until further hearing.

In the meantime the injunction will be continued in force, modified however, to the extent that either party may take any action looking to a final dismissal of the Osgood case in the Grand Lodge, that is not inconsistent with this opinion, and does not involve the reinstatement of said Osgood in the Order, and without any further attempt at disciplining said lodge for its action in the matter.

And it is to be hoped that all bodies concerned in this controversy will take such counsel and action in the matter that harmony will be restored, and that litigation, the bane of any benevolent organization, will be speedily terminated and never hereafter renewed.

T. A. M'BRIDE,
Judge.

Shieldisms.

—Members in good standing July 1, 1895, 343,424.

—Net gain in membership for past 12 months, 10,691.

—Amount of Beneficiary Fund paid out in June, 1895, \$613,005.25.

—Total Beneficiary Fund disbursed in 1894 to January 1, 1895, as shown by the annual reports, \$7,116,807.99.

—Grand total Beneficiary Fund disbursed by the Order from organization to July 1, 1895, \$61,965,640.21.

—New members admitted in June, 2,480.

—Members reinstated in June, 2,754.

—Members suspended in June, 5,694.

—Members died in June, 274.

—Members withdrawn, etc., from the Order in June, 48.

—Total Relief Fund received to Aug. 1, 1895, on Call Nos. 14 and 15, including balance on hand Jan. 1, 1895, \$364,257.10. Amount disbursed \$362,773.10. Balance on hand Aug. 1, 1895, \$1,484.00.

—The record of 1894, as shown from the annual reports, gives net increase in membership over all losses, 10,554. Death rate per thousand members, 10.43. Average number of assessments made, 20. Amount paid to the widows and orphans, \$7,116,807.99. Total number of deaths during the year, 3,508.

—The new ritual is now in the hands of the printers and will be ready to send out about the 1st of September.

—The old Rituals will be called in and destroyed by the Grand Recorders and new ones sent to the lodges in their place without cost.—Keystone Workman.

—M.—The report came in at the very last moment of going to press last month, without comment, was rapidly put in type and printed, which accounts for the omission of the fact that it was adopted.

—G. L.—By taking the evening Overland train, via Central Pacific, Union Pacific and Chicago and Northwestern Railways, it is only 3½ days to Chicago. New York can be reached by various lines from Chicago in 24 to 26 hours Boston about 3 hours longer.

—The almost unanimous opinion of the lodges of this jurisdiction opposes graded assessments.

—Remember these columns are open to all sisters and brethren for items. A few lines from each makes a newsy aggregate of what is going on in the jurisdiction.

—Past Master Workman Marston of Oakland has received merited commendation for his interesting lecture on the "Pilgrims and Puritans of New England."

—Deputy Mrs. Cogan has made her installations most interesting. Sisters Bradley, Parkinson, Van Court, Moore and Bridges have acted as a competent staff at the ceremonies, and the lodges visited have presented splendid programmes.

—San Mateo Lodge has moved into the elegant new temple just dedicated by the Odd Fellows of that locality, and now have one of the most beautiful fraternal homes in this jurisdiction.

—Potrero Lodge is admitting an unusual number of members. The citizens of that locality have been investigating the claims and schedules of various orders, and have come to the conclusion that the old A. O. U. W. is the one to tie to.

—Our Grand Medical Examiner, Mayon, is as good in any position in the lodge as he is in his profession. He is a worker all around. His recent lecture on "Garbage in Cities," has attracted much commendation for its information and practical advice.

—A brother recently wrote to Receiver Camp of Valley desiring to know "why three assessments had been called in a single month." If the brother had taken the slightest trouble to look at the list of names in the death roll of said month, how many there were of them; how many bereaved families have been deprived of their dear ones, and then multiply these by \$2,000, and the number of members in California by \$3 each, the solution could easily be arrived at that the reason why three assessments were levied upon each of the living members was for the purpose of paying \$2,000 to each of the families of those who had died. It seems to us that it should be a source of gratitude to every member to think that he can in this way send comfort and sustenance to these mourning ones, and that his own life is spared while others, no older, and in all respects as useful in the world as himself, have been called from earth. In every WATCHMAN is given in detail the disposition of every dollar received. Neither grand nor lodge officers have any control over the levying of assessments, except to call for the amount necessary to pay the obligations which death losses make upon the Order; this is done every month, and if three assessments are required to promptly pay these sacred debts, then three assessments must be and are levied; and that is all there is to the query; and if our brother will figure up how many years it will take him at our maximum rate (\$30) to pay into the Beneficiary Fund the \$2,000 which some day will be paid to his heirs, he will find that if he lives to pay in said amount, he will be a centenarian and something more. Do not look so much at the \$30 per year, but look at the practical good you are doing and the grand investment you are making for your family, beside the daily and constant protection afforded. Drop into some insurance company and enquire if you could obtain a policy for \$2,000 for twice or three times the figure you are paying. If our brethren would do this, some of them might possibly be better satisfied that the trifles they pay monthly for the comfort and blessings of others, while protecting their own, should never be caviled at, or grudgingly given.

—A pleasant incident in a recent meeting of Angel City Lodge, No. 49, Degree of Honor of Los Angeles, was the presentation to the lodge by the Chief of Honor, Sister Emma Lane, of a beautiful frame containing the Charter. The Chief of Honor showed the very best taste in her selection and her gift was, of course, highly appreciated. Angel City Lodge is increasing its membership, holds its meetings every month, and we hope is doing in Southern California a fair share of the good for which the Order was organized.

[J. C. PEABODY.]

—In last issue was given the Report of Special Committee No. 6 to the Grand Lodge. But it was omitted to state the fact that said report was adopted by the grand body. Such, however, was the case. It may seem to some that the principles enunciated in said report are foreign to a fraternal society, but those who will read the origin and progress of the A. O. U. W., and its declaration of aims and objects, will agree that the Report of Committee No. 6 is in harmony with, and strictly in line with some of the specified intentions of this great Order.

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Red-Letter Days for Golden West Lodge.

Like most of the lodges in California, Golden West, No. 264, meeting over the Opera House, in the southern suburbs of San Francisco called the Potrero, has been having a rough and tumble fight with adverse circumstances, and sometimes it has seemed as if the circumstances would be too many and too strong for the lodge. But a faithful few, headed by the present Master Workman McMahon, have never lost heart, but kept up the fight, and have finally come out triumphantly. In this lodge, as in every other lodge, it has been found that individual effort is the most reliable factor in keeping alive the interest and recruiting the lodges with new membership, for it has been mainly through the determined and unremitting efforts of Brother McMahon that Golden West has recently been so successful in adding new members to its roll.

A number of weeks ago the Grand Master was notified that on August 3d, the Workman Degree would be conferred on eight candidates, and requesting him and such of the other Grand Officers as could make it convenient, to attend and assist in the ceremony. To give additional eclat to the occasion the celebrated Oakland Drill Team was invited over to confer the degree. Finding it impossible for them to come however, the Grand Master placed the matter in the hands of Grand Lecturer Edwin Danforth. At the time appointed the lodge room was crowded with the lodge members and visiting brethren from Bay View and many of the city lodges. Brother Danforth wielded the gavel and, assisted by the following, Brother Toohey acting as P. M. W., Clement F. Crowley, O., and Shayler as G., conferred the degree on seven of the eight candidates, whose ages averaged but little over 30 years. At the conclusion of the ceremony the following impromptu programme was introduced and enjoyed: Song, Brother Irving of Unity; address, Brother Edwin Danforth, P. G. M.; ventriloquism, Brother Dwyer of Franklin; remarks, Brother Crowley of Noe Valley; song, Brother Sam Booth of Excelsior; remarks, Brother Clement; song, Brother Davie of Golden West; address, Brother Cleary of Golden West; recitation, Brother Gus Pohlmann; address, Grand Master D. J. Toohey; remarks, Brother Florence of Franklin; songs, Brother Sam Booth; remarks, Brother Joy of Valley. A number of others were down for songs, remarks, etc., but it was getting late, and as many of the visitors were from distant parts of the city, the lodge was closed in due form.

Two weeks later, the Grand Master was notified that on Saturday evening, August 17th, there would be another batch of twelve ready to be ini-

tiated. Accordingly, accompanied by Grand Lecturer Danforth, Deputy Grand Master Poland, Brothers Clement, Crowley, Joy, Shayler, and many other prominent brothers of the Order, he went over to participate in the initiatory ceremonies. The lodge room was again crowded with the lodge members and visiting brethren from all over the city. Eight of twelve candidates presented themselves for initiation, the other four being prevented, having to work on the night shift in the mills. Brother McMahon, the Master of the lodge, performed the ceremony, Grand Lecturer Danforth giving the secret work. As the two degrees were to be conferred it was growing late when this part of the business was concluded. A good programme had again been provided, Brother Poland acting as master of ceremonies. Short speeches were made by Grand Master Toohey, Grand Lecturer Danforth, Brothers Joy, Clement, Crowley, Shayler, and others, and characteristic contributions were furnished by Brother Irving and Brother Dwyer, the ventriloquist. It was after 12 o'clock, when the lodge finally adjourned, the large number of brethren being well pleased with the ceremony and entertainment of the evening. And thus ended a session which will long be remembered and marked with a red-letter in the annals of Golden West Lodge, No. 264, A. O. U. W.

Truthfully Said.

Brother Sessions, of the "Dakota Visitor," in reviewing the work of the last Supreme Lodge, makes the following comments, which are well worded and expresses fully the prevailing spirit that seemed to actuate the entire body. He says:

In the April number of the "Visitor" we propounded the following question, which was also repeated in the June number: "Can we preserve the union of the jurisdiction, you and I, members of the Supreme Lodge, by such administration of the powers of the constitution as shall give content and satisfaction to all jurisdictions, and draw us together by the silken cords of mutual and fraternal affection?"

We are happy to be able to answer that the union of the jurisdictions has been preserved upon lines satisfactory to not only the grand jurisdictions of Ontario, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and California, but to all others, and we are still members of one great fraternity that embraces the whole territory of North America. As this news is conveyed to every member by means of the fraternal press, a prayer of thanksgiving and praise to the Giver of all good will well up from the heart of every true Workman.

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Mortality Statistics.

The Surgeon-General of the United States Marine Hospital Service has compiled the mortality statistics of 200 cities of the country for 1894. The death rates per 1,000 of population in some of the principal cities were as follows: Augusta, Ga., 18.26; Baltimore, 19.11; Boston, 22.98; Bridgeport, Conn., 15.44; Brooklyn, N. Y., 20.95; Brownsville, Texas, 44.33; Cambridge, Mass., 19.28; Charlestown, S. C., 27.29; Chattanooga, Tenn., 11.45; Chicago, Ill., 14.93; Cincinnati, O., 18.29; Cleveland, Ohio, 17.42; Columbus, O., 13.09; Dedham, Mass., 17.73; Detroit, Mich., 14.30; Dubuque, Ia., 10.57; Evansville, Ind., 15.45; Grand Rapids, Mich., 13; Hartford, Conn., 15.85; Jersey City, N. J., 24.19; Knoxville, Tenn., 16.62; Lowell, Mass., 19.58; Manchester, N. H., 19.54; Memphis, Tenn., 23.06; Milwaukee, 15.71; Minneapolis, 9.24; Newark, N. J., 23.07; New Orleans, La., 24.88; New York, 21.38; Philadelphia, 18.28; Portland, Me., 20.17; Reading, Pa., 17.95; Richmond, Va., 20.23; Rochester, N. Y., 14.54; St. Louis, 16.12; Salt Lake City, 8.10; San Diego, Cal., 12.50; San Francisco, 18.84; Scranton, Pa., 17.28; Sioux Falls, S. D., 4.49; Springfield, Mass., 15.73; Syracuse, N. Y., 16.94; Toledo, O., 8.05; Washington, D. C., 19.89; Wilmington, Del., 16.58; Worcester, Mass., 17.20. In some of the Southern cities the report shows the comparative death rates between white persons and colored, as follows: Augusta, Ga, white, 11.36; colored, 28.41; Charleston, S. C., white, 16.58; colored, 35.80; Knoxville, Tenn., white, 12.04; colored, 29.63; New Orleans, La., white, 21.91; colored, 32.14.

Nelson's 14th Birthday.

DEAR WATCHMAN:—I am sure that a few lines from this section of the country will be of interest to the readers of the WATCHMAN, to let them know that the A. O. U. W. is still alive in this section, at least in the little town of Nelson, with a population of only about one hundred and twenty and almost one half of them gone to the fruit orchards and the mountains. The 18th of August being the 14th birthday of Nelson Lodge, No. 202, it was decided to hold a reunion together with Grant Lodge, No. 44, D. of H., and the sisters were notified that the matter of entertainment would be left in their hands, and they accomplished it to the satisfaction of all.

The 17th came, and after a short session of the D. of H. the doors were thrown open to the members of Nelson Lodge and D. of H., together with their families. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity, and many of the brothers were seated on the dais at the feet of some of the young sisters. After a social chat, interspersed with music and singing by our brothers and sisters, assisted by some of the young ladies and gentlemen (who, by the way, will be members of the Order as soon as they become old enough), the sisters served the refreshments, which consisted of sandwiches, roast chicken, cake, pickles, and in fact everything that was good; then came the ice cream (and it was ice cream). After partaking of the second dish we were, together with one of the sisters of no small size, compelled to sit coldly by and see one of our sisters and a brother of a much smaller size than ourselves, devour not a dish of ice cream but what we call a mountain of frozen cream. We kindly offered our assistance to help remove the said mountain, but was told that our assistance was not needed, as there was not any more than they wanted themselves. I am now sure that they are sorry that they did not accept our offer, as the sister has been ill during the week and the brother has had a frozen look ever since the reunion.

The balance of the evening was devoted to social talk and singing by some of our beautiful young ladies; the hour of midnight drawing near we wended our way homeward, all deciding that they had spent a very pleasant evening. Thus ended the 14th anniversary of Nelson Lodge, No. 202, A. O. U. W., and we hope to enjoy many more of the same kind. [A PAST MASTER.]

The Mother Lodge Celebrates.

California Lodge, No. 1, was instituted at West Oakland on August 21, 1875, and appropriately celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the lodge and of the Order in California at its hall, Seventh and Peralta streets, Oakland, last month. Past Master Workman Nolan introduced Deputy Spiers as Chairman of the evening. After brief opening remarks by the Chairman, W. H. Fiske, P. M. W., and a charter member of No. 1, read a brief history of the lodge from its organization, in which he showed that it had lost 110 members in the 20 years, 28 of these by death, which means that in that period \$56,000 had been paid through the lodge to the beneficiaries of these 28 members. Brothers Peddy and Smith favored the company with a musical selection. Grand Master Workman D. J. Toohy gave an interesting talk. Past Master Workman Nolan recited an original ode on the A. O. U. W. Remarks were made by J. A. Colquhoun, P. G. F.; E. W. Marston, P. M. W., Pacific Lodge, No. 7; W. A. Woodward, Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 14, San Francisco; W. H. H. Wood, P. M. W., California Lodge; I. W. Patterson, P. M. W., Occidental Lodge, No. 6; Brother Andrews, Oak Leaf Lodge, No. 35; P. M. W. Harris, California Lodge; William Cogan, P. M. W., Oak Leaf Lodge, No. 35. There were representatives from all the Oakland lodges, Oak Leaf Lodge, No. 35, having 17 in attendance.

Alta Lodge, No. 242, is again energetically to the front. A very interesting meeting was held at this wide-awake little lodge on the evening of August 20th, on the occasion of an initiation of a new member. The members of Alta Lodge are ardent workers, and as a result their membership is rapidly increasing. Instructive and interesting remarks were made by several distinguished visitors, among whom were ex-District Deputy Crowley, President Past Masters' Association, ex-District Deputy Joy, V. P., Past Master Workman Henderson of Bernal, District Deputy Hansen of Excelsior, Past Master Workman McLoughlin of Golden Gate and Past Master Workman Reeves of Alta. The Workman Degree was conferred upon the candidate in a most exemplary manner eliciting encomiums of praise from all present upon the officers of the lodge. [VISITOR.]

Hazardous Risks.

Sometimes fault is found with Orders and companies because they decline to admit or insure persons engaged in certain avocations. The following figures will give an idea of the hazard of the railway employees:

During the year 1894, 1,823 railway employees were killed and 23,422 were injured, as compared with 2,727 killed and 31,729 injured in 1893. This marked decrease in casualty is in part due to the decrease in the number of men employed, and the decrease in the volume of business handled. The increased use of automatical appliances on railway equipment also may have rendered railway employment less dangerous and it may be that the grade of efficiency of employees has been raised.

The number of passengers killed was 324, an increase of 25, and the number injured was 3,304, a decrease of 195. Of the total number of fatal casualties to railway employees, 251 were due to coupling and uncoupling cars, 439 to falling from trains and engines, 50 to overhead obstructions, 145 to collisions, 108 to derailments, and the balance to various other causes not easily classified. To show the ratio of casualty, it may be stated that 1 employee was killed out of every 428 in service, and 1 injured out of every 33 employed. The trainmen perform the most dangerous service, 1 out of every 156 employed having been killed, and 1 out of every 12 having been injured.

The ratio of casualty to passengers is in striking contrast to that of railway employees, 1 passenger having been killed out of each 1,912,618 carried, or for each 44,103,228 miles travelled, and 1 injured out of each 204,248 carried, or for each 4,709,771 miles travelled. A distribution of accidents to the territorial groups exhibits the diversity in the relative safety of railway employment and of railway travel in the different sections of the country.

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Nobody saw how close they crept
Into the warmth of each gas jet,
Which flung abroad its mellow light
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"Come under my coat," said little Nell,
As tears ran down Joe's cheeks and fell
On her own thin fingers, stiff and cold.
"Taint very big, but I guess 'twill hold
Both you and me if I only try
To stretch it a little. So now don't cry."

The garment was small and tattered and thin,
But Joe was lovingly folded in,
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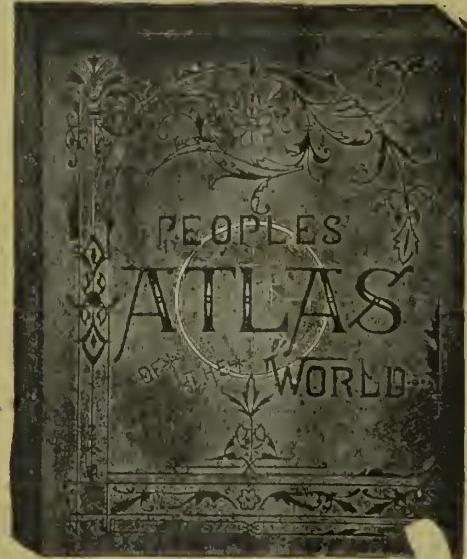
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Yet, I trust that we may truly say,
'Twas done before this Order's day.

No doubt they did in days bygone
Pass by the sad and weary one;
But now this grand fraternal band
Will grasp the sufferer by the hand;
Will give him aid in his distress,
And ask that God may love and bless.

Although we comfort those who weep,
Our sympathy be true and deep;
Yet duty is performed but half
If we are sad when others laugh.
Despite our sorrow, we must dare
To claim of joy and mirth a share.

"Feast, and our halls are crowded,"
But fast, and our friends remain.
For though with full measure they share our
pleasure,
They also will share our pain.
For our grandest lesson is, "You must do
Unto others as you'd have them do to you."

"Tis true, even in this noble Order,
No one can help us die;
But, though alone we cross the dark border,
We may want and care defy;
For 'tis here we provide for the loved ones dear,
Before the angel of death comes near.
Hail to the Order, where each sister, brother,
So surely will aid and protect each other,
Where the widow's and orphan's tears are dried
By kindly words and deeds beside.
Trusting, when our reward we reap,
That all may laugh, and none may weep.
—Kansas Workman.

GIRARD, KANSAS, Nov. 20th, 1895.

National Fraternal Congress.

The ninth annual session of the National Fraternal Congress was held in the city of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 19th to 22d inclusive. There were present representatives from 39 of the fraternal benefit organizations of the country, besides the officers and Standing Committees of the Congress.

The session was of unusual interest and the utmost harmony and good feeling pervaded its entire deliberations.

The report of the President reviews the work done during the past year in the way of legislation had in different States, and notes what further steps are needed in that direction.

The Secretary and Treasurer reported the receipts, including the balance on hand at last report, as \$2,983.68, and disbursements as \$2,380.83, leaving a balance on hand of \$602.85.

The report of the Statistical Committee presented some valuable tables from which the following statistics are taken. In this compilation 40 orders are represented which hold membership in the Congress.

MEMBERSHIP.

As shown by reports made to your committee and by annual returns to Insurance Departments, it appears that our account with 1894 stands as follows:

Total benefit membership, Jan. 1, 1894 1,337,570
Members initiated in 1894 281,109
Members died in 1894 13,924



ASSESSMENT NOTICE FOR JANUARY, 1896.

Whole Number of Deaths, 3,142. Whole Number of Assessments, 383.

ASSESSMENTS NOS. 1 and 2.

Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., of California.

To all members of the A. O. U. W. of California in good standing January 1, 1896.

You are hereby notified of the following deaths occurring in our Order in this jurisdiction:

OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER,
SAN FRANCISCO, JANUARY 1, 1896.

Asst. No.	NAME.	Age.	No. Deth.	Date of Admission.	Date of Deth.	Date of Filing	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	CAUSE.
1	J. F. Schwarting.....	46	1	Oct. 20, 1883	Dec. 3, 1895	Dec. 24, 1895	Harmony.....	9	San Francisco....	Typhoid Fever.
	Maurice O'Connell.....	45	2	May 8, 1882	" 4, "	" 16, "	do do	9	do do	Pneumonia.
	William Kuhland.....	59	3	Apr. 19, 1879	" 5, "	" 17, "	Benicia	94	Benicia	Gangrene.
	Wm. C. Smith.....	63	4	Nov. 24, 1879	" 6, "	" 13,	Silver Star.....	84	Downieville	Apoplexy.
	Wm. D. Johnston.....	43	5	Feb. 1, 1879	" 6, "	" 23,	Sts. John.....	73	San Francisco....	Infl'm of Bowels.
	Wm. H. Scheerer.....	46	6	Aug. 13, 1881	" 6, "	" 23,	Los Angeles.....	55	Los Angeles....	Infl'm of Kidneys.
	Wm. Eppenheimer.....	59	7	May 14, 1880	" 9, "	" 17,	San Benito.....	96	Hollister.....	Natural Causes.
	R. F. R. Olson.....	39	8	Jan. 7, 1889	" 9, "	" 18,	Memorial.....	174	San Francisco....	Suicide.
2	Allen T. Bartlett.....	64	9	Jan. 29, 1881	" 9, "	" 21,	San Mateo.....	192	San Mateo	Suicide.
	Chas. H. Shattuck.....	37	10	May 17, 1883	" 13, "	" 20,	Excelsior.....	126	San Francisco....	Inflamm. Rheumtm
	Jared H. Jenkins.....	62	11	Apr. 28, 1881	" 13, "	" 23,	Brooklyn	3	East Oakland	Accidental Fall.
	Wm. H. Thurman.....	64	12	Jan. 9, 1880	" 16, "	" 23,	Merced	74	Merced	Cirrhosis of Liver
	Wm. Brandon.....	56	13	Juns 27, 1888	" 16,	" 26,	Petaluma	29	Petaluma	Blood Poisoning.
	Jerome B. York.....	52	14	Aug. 22, 1879	" 18, "	" 22,	Downieville.....	123	Downieville.....	Pleuro Pneum'nia
	Chris. Cernogorsvich.....	54	15	Nov. 13, 1880	" 18, "	" 24,	Harmony	9	San Francisco....	Consumption.
	Joseph H. Gaddis.....	52	16	Jan 4, 1893	" 20, "	" 24,	Santa Rosa.....	28	Santa Rosa	C'n'e's Liv. & Kid.

This above necessitates laying ASSESSMENTS Nos. 1 and 2, amounting to **TWO DOLLARS**, which must be paid to the Financier of your Lodge on or before January 28, 1896, otherwise your beneficiary certificate will stand suspended. (G. L. Const., Sso. 42, Sub-division O.)

Fraternally in C. H. and P.,

D. S. HIRSHBERG,

Grand Recorder.



Approved

WILLIAM BRODERICK,
THOMAS W. BETHELL, { Financs Committee.
E. J. FENNIN,

Members lapsed in 1894 133,167
Actual benefit membership, Dec. 31, 1895 1,471,573
Net increase in 33 orders (benefit members) 149,796
Social Members 30,050

PROTECTION.

In force Jan. 1, 1894 \$ 2,656,060,075
Written in 1894 476,099,050
Terminated in 1894 279,104,515
In force at the end of year 2,847,054,610

The Improved Order of Heptasophs and Golden Chain are estimated as regards protection, but the estimate is a close one.

As in the above tabulation of membership there are several orders not reported in 1893, the changes cannot be fairly estimated. To obviate the objection a statement for 1894 of only the orders reported in 1893 is given, and the two years compared:

Membership, Jan. 1, 1894.....	1,314,966
Written in 1893	240,470
Members died in 1893	13,149
Members lapsed in 1893	120,038
Net gain for year 1893	106,483
Mortality rate, 1893	10.41
Membership, December 31, 1894	1,429,351
Written in 1894	266,891
Members died in 1894	13,704
Members lapsed in 1894	132,098
Net gain for year 1894	121,089
Mortality rate, 1894	10.14

A most excellent exhibit, showing marked gains in every item save one, that of lapses, and this loss is inconsiderable.

FINANCES.

BENEFIT FUND ACCOUNT.	
On hand Jan. 1, 1891	\$ 2,165,393
Received for assessments	29,085,904
Benefits paid in 1894	28,403,943
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1894	2,847,354
Amount in Reserve Fund in eleven orders	2,022,352
Total benefits paid by 40 orders since organizat'n	228,447,120

EXPENSE FUND.

On hand Jan. 1, 1894	\$ 469,055
Cash received during year	2,030,093
Expenses paid	1,865,334
Dividends paid to certificate holders	157,924
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1894	475,987

The ratio of expense to benefits paid was, in 1893, \$67.03 for each \$1,000. In 1894 it was \$65.67, or a net gain of \$38,628 over 1893.

The ratio of expense to membership was \$1.27 per capita against \$1.38 in 1893, a net gain of \$161,553. These items indicate a closer attention to detail and consequently a more economical administration, while we might reasonably expect an increase of expenses as the orders grow older.

There still continues the decrease in average amount of certificates. In 1891 it was \$2,053, in 1892, 2,016, in 1893, \$1,985, and in 1894, \$1,900. This reduction may in part come from a greater care in making up the reports, in part from a desire to take the smaller class of certificates and, beyond all question, is in some degree due to the almost total discontinuance of issuing certificates for \$5,000 or more, a very wise return from a most unwise departure.

Our losses from every cause other than death was but 95 to the thousand, showing a slight increase over the preceding year, but still a vastly better showing of persistence than is shown by any other organization purveying insurance.

MORTALITY RATE.

The death rate of 1894 is better than in 1893, although the record for that year was unapproached.

If based upon the number dying to the number of lives at hazard it is 9.92.

If we adopt a plan of the old-line companies and apply the ratio of benefits paid to each thousand dollars of insurance in force we find the result to be practically the same, or 9.97.

W. R. Spooner, of New York City, was elected President; John W. Johnson, Peabody, Kan., Vice-President, and M. W. Sackett, Meadville, Pa., Secretary and Treasurer.

The next session of the Congress will be held in Louisville, Ky., November, 1896.

Brethren and sisters, remember the WATCHMAN is your paper, and send us items pertaining to the Order.

Hayward Lodge, No. 18, is a first-rate lodge to call upon; a generous, genial band of brethren.

Sixty-one members were present at a recent meeting of Chico Lodge, No. 58. Encouraging,

Only One.

Who knows the step it takes
To keep the home together?
Who knows the work it makes?
Only one—the mother.

Who knows the childish woes,
Which kisses only smother?
Who's pained by naughty blows?
Only one—the mother.

Who knows the untiring care
Bestowed on baby brother?
Who knows the tender prayer?
Only one—the mother.

Who knows the lesson taught
Of loving one another?
Who knows the patience sought?
Only one—the mother.

Who knows the anxious fears
Lest darling may not weather
The storm of life in after years?
Only one—the mother.

Who kneels at the throne above
To thank the Heavenly Father
For the sweetest gift—a mother's love?
Only one—the mother.

**Fraternal Visit to Golden Dawn Lodge
D. of H., No. 10.**

Saturday evening, December 14th, the regular semi-weekly meeting night of Golden Dawn Lodge, D. of H., No. 10, was made more than usually interesting by the fraternal visit of large delegations of the sisters and brothers of Ivy, Minerva and the other lodges of the Degree of Honor on the Alameda side of the bay. It had become whispered abroad among the members of the Degree that Golden Dawn, which has enjoyed a continuous and uninterrupted existence of over 15 years, holding regular meetings during all of that time, and being in fact, as is generally believed, the only lodge of the Degree in the jurisdiction of which the same can be said—was in a decadent condition, and in order to inspire the members of the old lodge with confidence and hope in the future, this visit was arranged by the sisters and brothers of the more prosperous lodges on the other side of the bay.

In anticipation of the visit, the handsome lodge room of Excelsior Hall, the meeting place of Golden Dawn, had been rendered still more attractive by decorations of flowers and evergreens, prominent among which, and in compliment to the principal lodge making the visit, the ivy was conspicuous.

Soon after 8 o'clock, the visitors began to arrive, and by the time the preliminary business of the lodge had been transacted, they were introduced into the lodge room to the number of something over 50. It was a gratifying and inspiring sight to see so many of the sisters and brothers of the Degree assembled to encourage and do honor to a sister lodge, and the well-intentioned compliment was heartily appreciated.

When "good of the Order" was reached remarks were made by Grand Chief of Honor Sister Lovejoy of Minerva, No. 33, Alameda, Past Grand Chief of Honor Sister Stewart of Golden Dawn, No. 10, Sister Coogan, District Deputy Grand Chief of Honor of Ivy, No. 4, Sister Marks, Chief of Honor, of Ivy, No. 4, and Brothers Ingler and Cohn of Ivy, No. 4.

Before introducing the entertainment programme the lodge was closed in due form, and a number of the friends of the lodge and visiting members were admitted into the hall. Being again called to order, Brother Booth assumed direction of the meeting and entertainment, calling upon Brother Wm. H. Barnes, P. G. M. W., for the first contribution. The remarks of the previous speakers were mainly in reference to the beneficiary feature of the D. of H. and its influence on the welfare and perpetuity of that organization. As the admission of woman to the A. O. U. W. on an equality with men is one of the live issues before that Fraternity, Brother Barnes gave an urgent invitation to those present to write out their views and send them to the WATCHMAN as contributions to the general fund of information and opinion on the subject, giving it as his opinion that it would not be long before a consummation so devoutly to be desired would be accomplished to the great pleasure and benefit of the lodges and the Order.

Mrs. Blake-Alverson, who had accompanied the Ivy delegation from Oakland, being next called upon, sang most charmingly, "Because I Love You, Dear," by Hawley, and for an encore "Go-

ing to Sleep," by Howe; Sister Marks, Chief of Honor of Ivy Lodge, next recited, with an excellent brogue, "How Pat, by Mistake, was Taken to Naples." Mrs. Oakes, also of the same lodge, next sang in a very pleasing manner, "O would I Were a Bird," by Blamplin. Sister Poland, Grand Recorder of the D. of H., the next on the programme, recited in a naive and piquant manner about "The Goblins." Sister Coogan of Ivy also rendered a very pleasing recitation. Brother Barnes being again called upon, recited, by request, "The Tribulations of a Twin," and for an encore sang, to his own accompaniment, "The Watermillion Hangin on de Vine." The excellent entertainment was concluded by another song, "Dreams," and for an encore, the ever popular "John Anderson, my Jo," in her own inimitable manner by Mrs. Alverson to the accompaniment of Miss Margaret Oakes of Ivy Lodge.

At the conclusion of the entertainment Brother Booth expressed the hearty thanks and appreciation of Golden Dawn Lodge for the fraternal spirit which had prompted so many of the sisters and brothers of the Oakland and Alameda lodges to come over on such a friendly errand, and also to all those who had so efficiently assisted in the entertainment, and invited all present into the dining-room to partake of the supper which had been provided by the ladies of the lodge.

A pleasant and profitable half hour having been spent in disposing of the good things here displayed, the guests again returned to the ball and utilized another half hour in dancing to music kindly furnished by Mr. Frank Norman. It was now time to go, in order to catch the last boat, and with many affectionate "good nights" and expressions of kindness and good will the large delegation filed into the cars, leaving nothing but kindly and loving memories behind them. [X.]

A Grateful Letter.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 27th, 1795.

M. FRANCIS HILL, Master Workman Hercules Lodge, No. 53, A. O. U. W.—Dear Sir: A few days since I received, through the Recorder of Hercules Lodge, a warrant for \$2,000, as beneficiary of my deceased husband, WILLIAM E. POWELL. Please express to the lodge and the Order my sincere thanks for their prompt payment of the same. I assure you it is greatly appreciated, as is also the kindness and courtesies extended to myself and family by the members of Hercules Lodge. We shall always have a good word to say for the Order wherever we may go.

Again thanking you and trusting the Order may long continue to prosper, that it may bring hope and cheer to many sorrowing homes,

I am yours very sincerely,
MRS. S. POWELL.

17th Anniversary of Burns Lodge, No. 68.

On Thursday evening, December 5th, Burns Lodge, No. 68, celebrated her 17th birthday in fine style in the large hall of Alcazar Building. Before the entertainment there was a brief lodge session at which one candidate was proposed for membership. Brother Louis G. Schord, Master of the lodge for the current and ensuing terms, presided at the exercises, giving in his introductory remarks a brief synopsis of the history of the lodge. The principal feature of the programme was an admirable address on "Fraternal Insurance," as illustrated by the A. O. U. W. and kindred societies, by Brother Purcell Rowe, Foreman of the lodge. Among other numbers, making up an admirable programme, were original songs—one of which was written for the occasion—by Grand Receiver Sam Booth, ballad by Mrs. Walter Malloy, recitation, "The Vagabond," by Brother T. C. Maher, song by Mrs. I. M. Duncan and recitation by Miss Duncan.

At the conclusion of the musical and literary programme dancing was enjoyed under the floor management of Brother Gus Pohlmann, and the interesting occasion concluded with an elegant supper in the dining hall. The entire celebration was admirable carried out and reflects great credit on Brother Schord and the efficient corps of assistants who contributed to its success.

The P. M. W.'s Association

Held its annual election on December 2d, and chose as officers for the current year: W. C. Crowley, President; J. Hartley, V. P.; J. C. Scott, Recorder; J. P. Shaylor, Fin. Sec; P. Abrahamson, Treas.; C. S. Curtis, S-at-A; L. J. Nevin, W. There are now 115 on the rolls of the Association and the interest is growing in this commendable organization.

Grand Lodge of California, A. O. U. W.

Offices—Flood Building, 4th and Market St., San Francisco. D. J. Toohy, S. F., G. M. W.; Wm. Vinter, San Jose, G. F., A. F. Mackey, Los Angeles, G. O.; D. S. Hirshberg, S. F., Grand Recorder; Samuel Booth, S. F., Grand Receiver. Next session will be held the first Tuesday in April, 1896, in San Francisco.

Receipts and Disbursements.**BENEFICIARY FUND.**

Dr.

Balance on hand November 1, 1895.... \$ 264 30
Received during November 1895..... 47,379 00

Total \$47,643 30

By Warrants Issued.

No. 5,155, Beneficiary, G. A. Selwyn.....	\$ 400 00
" 5,156, " C. W. Sloan	2,000 00
" 5,157, " John B. Reddick.....	2,000 00
" 5,158, " James A. Ferguson.....	2,000 00
" 5,159, " F. Kaufman	2,000 00
" 5,160, " G. M. Kutz	2,000 00
" 5,161, " M. Nevanpera.....	2,000 00
" 5,162, " Wm. H. Gibson	2,000 00
" 5,163, " Henry S. Dunn.....	2,000 00
" 5,164, " Herbert E. Hall.....	2,000 00
" 5,165, " E. McNamara	2,000 00
" 5,166, " John F. M. Woods.....	2,000 00
" 5,167, " William Snibley.....	2,000 00
" 5,168, " William E. Powell.....	2,000 00
" 5,169, " Andrew Johnston	2,000 00
" 5,170, " Zachariah Haines.....	2,000 00
" 5,171, " George A. Pierce.....	2,000 00
" 5,172, " E. C. McAleer.....	900 00
" 5,173, " E. C. McAleer	900 00
" 5,174, " E. C. McAleer	200 00
" 5,175, " Geo. H. Tucker	2,000 00
" 5,176, " David W. Willard	1,000 00
" 5,177, " David W. Willard	1,000 00
" 5,178, " Dennis Flarety	2,000 00
" 5,179, " George Ueffinger.....	2,000 00
" 5,180, " Sam'l J. Strauss	2,000 00
" 5,181, " Henry C. Pieper	2,000 00

Total Disbursements \$46,400 00

Balance on hand..... \$ 1,243 30

GENERAL FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand November 1, 1895..... \$ 2,618 03
Received during November 1895..... 173 00

Total \$ 2,791 03

Warrants Issued.

No. 1,192, Janitor, W. W. Butler	7 00
" 1,193, Rent, L. C. Fraser.....	60 00
" 1,194, Supplies, Co-Operative Co	26 00
" 1,195, Expense, J. L. Mayon	44 90
" 1,196, Stationery, Payot, Upham & Co	7 50
" 1,197, Expense, Pacific States Watchman	356 25
" 1,198, Expense, W. T. Thomson	36 00
" 1,199, Expense, M. Rice	35 00
" 1,200, Expense, Pacific T. & T. Co	5 85
" 1,201, Contingent, Postage	67 50
" 1,201, Contingent, Expressage	5 85
" 1,201, Contingent, Sundries	2 65
" 1,202, Printing, Commercial Publishing Co	35 00
" 1,202, Supplies, Commercial Publishing Co	20 25
" 1,203, Expense, Blanche Turner	25 00
" 1,204, Contingent, D. J. Toohy	155 00
" 1,205, Salary, Samuel Booth	50 00
" 1,206, Salary, D. S. Hirshberg	316 66

Total Disbursements \$ 1,256 41

Balance on hand..... \$ 1,534 62

RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand November 1, 1895..... \$ 87 75

McCABE FUND.

Received during November, 1895..... 5 00

Warrant No. 28, Mrs. Fannie McCabe..... 5 00

TOTAL BALANCES ON HAND DECEMBER 1, 1895.

In Beneficiary Fund..... \$ 1,243 30

In General Fund..... 1,534 62

In Relief Fund..... 87 75

Grand Total..... \$ 2,865 67

SAN FRANCISCO, December 5, 1895.

We, your Finance Committee, have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Recorder and Grand Receiver and find the same to agree and are correct.

WILLIAM BRODEBICK, } Finance
E. J. FENNIN, } Committee.
THOS. W. BETHELL, }

The Michigan "Herald" for November contains a strong argument in favor of a Reserve Fund. One objection to a Reserve Fund is seldom mentioned by those who discuss it, and that is, the danger of its loss. If the sum becomes very large it is a temptation to dishonest men to seek its custody. To this we know the reply will be that Old Line Life Insurance Companies find no such danger with their immense reserves; but they do, and that is the very difficulty which has occasioned the wreck of so many of them. Another difficulty is the investment of the fund so as to make it productive. Men who can profitably handle a thousand or ten thousand dollars are easily found, but when it comes to handling millions it is a different thing. That requires financial genius that is exceeding rare.—Kansas Workman.

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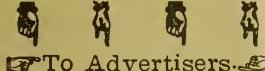
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Special to Lodges.

During the past year a number of lodges desiring to notify their members of some special business or occasion, instead of going to the expense of printing, postage, etc., have done so by putting said notice in the WATCHMAN. This journal is regularly mailed on or before the 3d of each month to every member, and should reach the most distant points in this State by the 7th at latest. Consequently it can be used to advantage by lodges desiring to call the attention of their members to special events. No charge, whatever, has been, or will be, made for such notices. It is our desire to make the WATCHMAN of practical benefit to all; and there is no necessity for a lodge to print any notice to their individual members, which can just as well appear in the WATCHMAN, free of cost to them, and reach every member. The paper goes to press on the 28th of the month, consequently all matter must be received by the 25th, at latest.

Brethren will confer a great favor if, when they do not receive THE WATCHMAN by the 8th of the month, they will notify us. Give the No. of your lodge and correct address. It is our earnest desire that every subscriber should receive his paper promptly. Every month we are notified by Postmasters that "party has moved," or "address should be changed to—" of which neither the Financier of the lodge or any one else has any record, and then after two or three months a note will be received, "No WATCHMAN."

A Proposed Step Backward.

Our good brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania did some excellent things at their recent session, among them the appropriation for the purpose of having a journal sent to each member, and of appropriating moneys for extension and progressive work, but the adoption of the following we do not consider of advantage to the Order at large:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania confidently relying on the spirit of fraternity which should actuate all true Workmen, and for the purpose of insuring stability and permanency to our beloved Order, earnestly requests the Supreme Lodge to fix an equal maximum assessment for all jurisdictions at an amount proportionate to the average death rate of the whole Order, and to provide that any jurisdiction exceeding said maximum rate shall have such excess paid from the Relief Fund."

"Resolved, That the representatives to the Supreme Lodge be instructed to bring this question before the Supreme Lodge and use all proper efforts to secure its adoption."

The great reason for the magnificent increase of the A. O. U. W. in the New England States—Nebraska, Ontario, Iowa, Kansas, and other jurisdictions which might be mentioned—has been on account of giving them a maximum death rate

based upon their local mortality, etc., thus permitting them to assure to applicants for membership that the assessments for three years should not be more than a specified amount, and this amount being so much lower than any other order, and the A. O. U. W. being a reliable and permanent one, no other fraternity, from a monetary consideration point, could begin to compete with us. The result has been a mighty gathering in.

While it is true that to make a national uniform maximum based upon the death rate of the entire Order would reduce the payments of a considerable number of members, yet it would materially raise the assessments of a good many more, and most certainly take away from a number of now progressive and growing jurisdictions one of the great factors of their success, and to a large extent dampen the enthusiasm of many.

Another and more serious objection is that it would be a radical change from the fundamental principles upon which the system of the Order is founded; and nothing more dangerous can be devised than to change any system which has proved itself prosperous. It weakens the confidence of the membership, for if a supreme body changes well-known fundamental practices, especially when such practices have been successful and acceptable, it is an evidence that other changes may be made, and causes anxiety, restlessness, insecurity, and lack of faith.

No Supreme Lodge of any Order has ever made a radical change in its fundamental system of action, or altered the laws which had aided in its success, but what a mistake was made. We could cite several instances where orders in full successful swing have made radical changes which have had the effect of a paralytic stroke.

Laws and systems, even if not the very best, if they are well understood, are a great deal better than better laws and better systems, not so well understood; and the man who has made money at some humble locality in a city generally loses his gainings when he launches out for some more prominent stand. The actor who receives a priucely salary always loses it when he builds a theatre of his own, and other similes might be given.

The A. O. U. W. cannot afford to jeopardize its onward progress and reputation by radical changes. We risked a good deal, altogether too much, when the age limit was reduced; we conceded too much when the thin edge of graded assessment (the humbug of the century) was permitted to be inserted, even in isolated cases.

Here at the end of 1895, the oldest of all the assessment fraternities, where it costs less for the oldest member in the jurisdiction paying the highest maximum assessment than it does for the youngest members in any other standard reliable assessment fraternity, and when the increase of the A. O. U. W. is far in advance of all others, just on account of its independent jurisdictional assessment rate, to think of adopting a national uniform assessment would be to give the Order at large the severest blow that could be bestowed.

At this time the highest maximum anywhere (and we have it now here in California) for the oldest members is \$30 per annum, payable in monthly installments; \$2.50 average per month. Is this a high price for \$2,000 protection? Can it be obtained in any stable reliable corporation or association for so little? At \$30 per year and adding all dues and expenses of every imaginable character, it would take 50 years and more to pay in \$2,000 guaranteed to our family at our death from the moment we enter?

Some may say: "We can get \$2,000 in—society for a good deal less." That is, you can get the promise of it it is easy to promise, and with an order ten or twelve years old, to say this or that: but what will the showing be when as many years have rolled by as the A. O. U. W. has seen?

We have known banking institutions, new ones, to promise to pay their depositors a larger rate of interest for deposits than the old standard institutions paid, and have known depositors to withdraw their funds from the old banks to put in the new; and larger dividends were paid for a few years; and then we have known the bank to fail, and the entire deposits of the customers to be swallowed up, and with principal gone, their pass books showed that all they had ever received from this going-to-be wonderful bank was a few extra large dividends.

The A. O. U. W. was founded upon certain well-defined simple laws. Other orders have since been formed, with what they deemed improvements upon its system; and among these were a uniform assessment on all; a graded assessment table; a reserve fund; a disability and

endowment clauses, payable at 75 years of age; etc. We would simply ask, is there a fraternal assessment order to-day in existence that can in any way compare with the Workmen in numbers, influence and accomplished results, or that stands before the world more honored for its faithful performance of duty?

This being conceded, beware of radical changes, especially where no burdens are now imposed by the present system, and where certainly a violation of well-known custom and usage and injustice to the great majority would result from a change of law such as is suggested in the resolution given above, and upon which these comments are made.

Please Notice!

Read the proceedings of the Fraternal Congress in order to refute the assertion that the older an Order gets, the larger will be its death rate. Here at the end of 1894, the death rate is only 10.14 to the 1,000. The death rate of the I. O. O. F. at the end of 75 years was no larger than at the end of 25 years.

No Funeral Yet.

Some of our contemporaries seem to have obtained the idea that the "Keystone Workman" was going to stop publication, suggested, perhaps, by an article in said journal two months ago and to which we alluded. But Pennsylvania, realizing the inestimable worth of said journal, has taken measures by which this sterling publication is to be continued. For which everybody rejoices.

MISSING!

G. R. KIMBALL, a member of Deadwood Lodge, No 51, left home mysteriously on September 7th, 1895, and is believed to be temporarily deranged. He is thought to have gone toward Kansas City. When he left home he wore a blue sack-coat business suit, and took no change of clothing. He carried in his hands a large bundle of Medora and Durango mining stocks and papers, thought to be of little or no value. When at Tecumseh he signed his name "George Riley," and may possibly persist in doing so. He is 31 years of age, 5 feet 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall, weight about 150 pounds, high cheek bones, blue or grey eyes set deep in head, dark brown hair, thin mustache, and when last seen had ten days' growth of beard. The family are nearly distracted over his unfortunate disappearance. Any information concerning his whereabouts will be most gratefully received. If found, it is requested that he be held, and word telegraphed to Martin & Mason, Attorneys, Deadwood, South Dakota, when he will be properly cared for.

Fraternal newspapers please copy.

Samuel B. Myers. P. S. M. .

This pioneer of the Order, one of the leading spirits in Pennsylvania in the days gone by has been "called on." We find a notice of his death in the "Keystone Workman" of December, but date of death is not given. That journal says:

It can be truthfully said that Brother Myers was a man peculiarly fitted to the Order's needs at the time when he was called upon to guide its destinies. In the fulfillment of the high duties to which he was called, no blot or stain mars the page of its history. His name will be recorded among those who, in faithful allegiance to the principles we profess, proved himself true to every trust.

No more fitting closing words can be added to this short sketch as showing the ruling motive that actuated the life and effort of our well-beloved brother, than those written by himself and included in his report as Grand Master Workman of Pennsylvania in 1875.

"Let all our efforts, our fondest hopes, our highest aim, be the advancement of our beloved Order, and the elevation of our fellow men.

"Our individual greatness, position, glory and ambition are nothing in comparison with the general good of our brethren.

"The mourning of the disconsolate widow and the cry of the orphan, constantly remind us we are but pilgrims, and soon, at best, will our brethren be called upon, in sadness and sorrow, to lay us away out of their sight. Our homes will be desolate, and those who now know us and with whom we have the most pleasant associations, will know us no more.

"Let us so live and act that our memories may be cherished and the world be better for our having lived."

One of Ivy's Evenings.

The Oakland "Tribune" of December 4th says: The large number of members present at the meeting of Ivy Lodge, No. 4, Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., Monday evening, had a most enjoyable time.

After a short business session, in which a few remarks were made by Brother Booth of Golden Dawn Lodge, San Francisco, Grand Recorder Mrs. Poland, Brother Poland, Sister Young Sr. and Sister Young Jr. of Silver Star Lodge, Temescal, and Brother Cohen, the lodge room was opened to the invited guests of the evening.

The splendid manner in which Brother Mayon had superintended the hanging of the long-talked-of curtain elicited much praise. The curtain is quite an embellishment to the pretty little hall.

Brother Marks handled the ropes with great effectiveness. The following excellent programme was rendered: Recitation, "Widow Bedott Tells what Hezekiah Said," by Past Chief of Honor Mrs. Mayon, in appropriate costume, with her usual eloquence, evoking loud applause; recitation, "Take It Back," by Sister Van Court, which convulsed the house with laughter; duett, "My Boat is Waiting," by the Misses Fulcher, which was very sweetly sung; recitation, "The Jealous Wife," by Miss B. Wilson, which was very well rendered; song, "Nobody at Home," by Lady of Honor Mrs. Oakes, which was a surprise to many present who were not aware that the sister had so sweet a voice; recitation, "Jimmy Brown's Steam Chair," by Miss Gola Fry, which was very humorous; song, "Because I Love You, Dear," by Mrs. Blake-Alverson. It was encored to the echo, and in response she rendered "Good Night" with great sweetness and artistic merit; recitation, "Little Dave, the Bootblack," in costume, by Miss Lizzie Geekte, which was very nicely rendered; recitation and dance, "The Highland Shepherd Boy," by little Archie Donaldson, which captured the hearts of all present, the clever little fellow responding to an encore with a very pathetic recitation entitled "The Captain's Boy;" comic reading, "The Irishman's Mistake," by Chief of Honor Mrs. Marks, which was given with a brogue and humor that amused everybody.

Brother Sam Booth sang in his inimitable style. "Pretty Polly Perkins of Paddington Green," and in response to an encore rendered another humorous ditty, entitled "My Poor Heart is Broken."

After the musical and literary portion of the entertainment was concluded, all adjourned to the banqueting hall which was hardly adequate for the attendance, but by the splendid management of Past Chiefs of Honor Mrs. Bradley and Mayon room was made for all.

During supper Brother Mayon called upon Brother Hodges for a speech prior to his departure for Europe.

Brother Hodges thanked the lodge for its kindly intent and wished it continued prosperity. Upon the conclusion of the brother's remarks three cheers were given with hearty fraternal love, with the hope for the safe passage across the Atlantic of this popular member of Ivy Lodge.

Brother Charles Dunton of Oak Leaf Lodge made one of his usual facetious and eloquent after-supper speeches. He paid a graceful compliment to Mrs. Alverson, which was applauded.

"Auld Lang Syne" and "Home, Sweet Home" were then sung by all, concluding the most successful and enjoyable monthly social ever given under the auspices of the lodge.

Miss Margie Oakes acted as accompanist during the evening in her usual talented manner.

Public Meeting at Benicia.

On Tuesday evening, December 10th, a public meeting, under the auspices of Benicia Lodge, No. 94, was held in Masonic Hall of that place. The hall, which is large and comfortable, was well filled by the families and friends of the brethren and the Order, besides quite a large delegation who came in teams from Vallejo. In the inability of the Grand Master to be present Grand Recorder Hirshberg and Grand Receiver Booth represented the Grand Lodge on the occasion.

The meeting was presided over by Brother E. E. Estey, the presiding Master of the lodge, who introduced the following programme, every number of which was warmly received and appreciated: Music, piano, Miss Phillipson, songs, Sam Booth; recitation, Miss Bella Johnson; duett, Misses Irene Kelly and Janet Stewart; address, Grand Recorder D. S. Hirshberg; song, Mr. John Barrett; recitation, Miss Myrtle Harkins, and more songs by Brother Sam Booth. At the close of the regular programme, short speeches were made by Brothers Campbell, Carlin, Kane and

others of the local lodge and Vallejo, Brother P. C. Mason, late Grand Lodge representative from Benicia, concluding with an invitation to the dining-room adjoining. Too much praise cannot be awarded to the following brethren of No. 75, Vallejo, for the fraternal spirit displayed by them in driving over seven miles on a cold night in order to contribute to the success of the meeting: W. C. Carlin (Master Workman), Geo. J. Campbell, J. J. Kane, J. Buckman, G. W. Edgecumbe, K. Thompson, W. Frasier, W. Burton, P. Cavanaugh, J. Williams and J. D. Thompson. The supper, prepared by the wives and daughters of the Benicia brethren, was a toothsome affair and was duly enjoyed and appreciated; after which the floor of the main hall was cleared and dancing was enjoyed by all who desired to trip a light fantastic toe for another hour or two. [X.]

A Surprise for Monrovia.

EDITOR PACIFIC STATES WATCHMAN—On the 20th of November Monrovia Lodge, No. 260, had the pleasure of entertaining a large number of their brothers from the neighboring lodges of El Monte and Covina, who had come by an invitation from No. 260.

We had just finished giving a new member the third degree and were under the head of "good of the Order" when an alarm was heard at the outside door and, without giving the password, in rushed the sisters of the Degree of Honor Lodge and the wives of Workmen and their families, loaded down with plenty of good things to eat; this, of course, necessitated declaring a recess for the rest of the evening, during which time all present partook of the bountiful supply of sandwiches and coffee and cake and ice cream.

Speeches were made by a number of the visiting brothers and by a few of our own members and by some of the sisters. Each speaker gave some good reasons why they were "Workmen" and felt that they were glad to be present.

The evening was greatly enjoyed by all present. Come again, ladies and brothers!

Fraternally in C. H. and P.,
E. B. NORMAN.

From Covina Lodge, No. 252.

DEAR WATCHMAN:—The 27th anniversary of our Order was celebrated in the above lodge in an unusual and pretty way, namely: Viola Lodge, Degree of Honor, surprised us quite unexpectedly. They gained possession of the lodge when we were working under "good of the Order." The surprise was so complete that the Master Workman was speechless. The Inside Watchman, although a time-worn warrior, was completely placed "hors du combat."

The sisters brought with them plenty of delicacies for the inner man, which the surprised brothers seemed to enjoy with great gusto. The evening was passed in a pleasant social and entertaining manner; brothers, sisters and the children having a good time. The brothers wishing that we had an anniversary every month, so that the Violas could favor us with their delightful presence.

Our lodge is getting along very nicely, and we are expecting some new members before many moons.

Fraternally yours,

"SURPRISED."

The Pacific Grovers.

The "Review" of December 14th says:

Another bright link was forged in the chain of good fellowship, Tuesday evening, that binds so happily together the members and their families of this worthy Order. The lodge room was at its best, bright, cosy and florally bedecked, the work of Mrs. James Gale, Mrs. G. W. Towle and the Misses Ellis. As master of ceremonies, Brother Gale presided with a grace and dignity, all his own. He called upon Edwin G. Moyes, who opened the programme by singing in his inimitable style, "Three Young Men." Mrs. H. B. Wood's rendering of "The Lost Chord" was exquisite. Her voice is beautifully cultivated and her presence very pleasing, she holding her audience charmed with a power full of magnetism. A recitation by Miss Etta Lloyd created considerable merriment, she very acceptably giving Mark Twain's "Interview with a Newspaper Man." The surprise of the evening was a solo by Eugene Jenkins, who has all these years kept his talents hidden under a bushel. His singing was as good as it was a surprise, and that was simply immense. Brother G. W. Towle accompanied him with the violin. S. B. Caruth, a prime favorite among admirers of real elocutionary accomplishments,

favored the audience, not only with the number assigned him, but gave by request the selection in which he excels above all others, "Salvador." Chas. J. Moyes was unable to offer "Lenore," as he anticipated, his accompanist being absent, however, from his vast repertoire of song he gave a couple of very beautiful selections. Miss Fish's guitar solos were very much in demand, as her masterly style so free from affectation has won her a host of admirers.

A banquet followed upon the heels of the programme with such a startling rapidity as to excite a vast amount of comment very favorable to the gentlemen who manipulated the china ware and viands gracing the festal board. The ice cream was as delicious and satiny as heart could wish, all of which was due to the unusual care bestowed upon it by Mrs. James Gale. The coffee was simply nectar, if Master Workman Cole did make it. In fact everything was in keeping. Everything was perfectly rendered, and to fail to thoroughly enjoy one self was no fault of the brothers.

Done in Fine Style.

The Benicia "New Era" of December 14th, says: The local lodge of Workmen entertained nearly 200 of its friends at Union Hall last Tuesday evening, and entertained them royally, too.

Grand Recorder Hirshberg and Grand Receiver Booth, of San Francisco, were present, and 15 visiting members from Vallejo. Mr. Hirshberg made a speech, as did also P. C. Mason; Mr. Booth sang a number of comic songs; Miss Lillian Phillipson favored with an instrumental solo, and Misses Belle Johnston and Myrtle Harkins recited.

At the close of the entertainment the ladies invited all to the banquet room to partake of a splendid spread. Floor Manager Murdock then took charge for the remainder of the evening and, to music furnished by Messrs. L. McGilvary, J. Harrington and J. W. King all enjoyed a social dance.

Say It Easy, Brethren!

We notice recently, in some of our exchanges, some rather sharp adjectives passing between the editorial brethren, which seem somewhat out of place, and especially as we know personally that the writers are very genial gentlemen. Differences of opinion must and will exist, but we ought to be willing to accord to others the same honesty and conscientiousness in opinion that we claim for ourselves, and if we do take exception to some position occupied by some one else, it should be remembered that all are brethren and the amenities and courtesies of brethren should never be forgotten.

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—The Supreme Lodge Relief Board will meet in the city of Chicago, January 7th, 1896.

Shieldisms.

—Members in good standing November 1, 1895, 334,847.

—Net gain in membership for past 12 months, 11,139.

—Net gain in membership in October, 1,170.

—Amount of Beneficiary Fund paid out in October, 1895, \$516,254.00.

—Total Beneficiary Fund disbursed in 1894 to January 1, 1895, as shown by the annual reports, \$7,116,807.99.

—Grand total Beneficiary Fund disbursed by the Order from organization to November 1, 1895, \$64,176,610.41.

—New members admitted in October, 2,588.

—Members reinstated in October, 3,654.

—Members suspended in October, 4,715.

—Members died in October, 209.

—Members withdrawn, etc., from the Order in October, 58.

—Total Relief Fund received to Dec. 1, 1895, on Call Nos. 14 and 15, including balance on hand Jan. 1, 1895, \$366,721.75. Amount disbursed \$362,773.10. Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1895, \$3,948.65.

—New Jersey ends the year with 18 assessments.

—The German Ritual will be in print and ready for distribution in December.

—Twenty jurisdictions made gains during October and eleven report losses.

—Ode cards for the new Ritual, with music attached, have been printed and can be procured on orders sent to the Grand Recorder.

—The Beneficial Commission is hard at work gathering all possible information preparatory to its meeting in Meadville in March next.

—An illustrated catalogue of lanterns, slides, etc., for use in the amplified Ritual is under preparation and will be sent out in a few days to the various Grand Recorders. Each lodge throughout the Order will receive a copy.

—We have the following statement from Grand Recorder Hitch, of Illinois, for the month of November up to the 16th inst.: "Beneficiary Certificates issued—154 in Class A, 37 in Class B, 51 in Class C. Net increase for the month, 174."

—Grand Recorder Lavin, of South Dakota, writes us "that the boys don't want to give up the paraphernalia as in use under the old Ritual." As we understand the provisions of the new Ritual the continued use of the old paraphernalia is not prohibited.

—Kansas leads all other jurisdictions in increase of membership for October, showing a gain of 286. Massachusetts comes in second with 271, followed by Minnesota, 211; Illinois, 174; Washington, 107, and Texas, 105. All others making gains are under 100.

—Wilmington Lodge, No. 1, Delaware, promises to be one among the big lodges of the country. In fact it has its eye on second place, next to Detroit Lodge, No. 6, of Michigan. It now has 1,010 members and will initiate at its next meeting 60 candidates whose applications have been approved.

—The Supreme Court of New York has denied the application for an injunction to restrain the Mutual Reserve from reapportioning its rate to its membership; holding that the change of rates was reasonable and a necessity to the future success of the association and, therefore, it had the right to make the change.

—On December notice Georgia, Alabama, etc., jurisdiction reports but one death loss. The year ends with its full maximum number of assessments. An increase of eight is shown for the month of October. A gain ought to be shown in December with only one assessment issued.

—The total amount of Relief Fund in the hands of Grand Lodges, November 1, 1895, was \$166,972.07. This represents the advance fund collected awaiting the call of the Relief Board.

—Deputy Grand Master Workman Poland has distributed the semi annual passwords for the term commencing January 1st, 1896, to District Deputies, who, in turn, will communicate same to subordinate lodges.

—A largely-attended meeting of District Deputies and subordinate lodge officers was held at the lodge room of Unity Lodge, No. 27, recently, at which times, under the direction of Frank S. Poland, Deputy Grand Master Workman, and Edwin Danforth, Grand Lecturer, the new ritualistic and secret work was exemplified.

A. O. U. W. of California.**ACROSTIC BY W. H. BARNES.**

Advance the standard, California!
Onward, brothers, to the van!
Upward, lift each heart with fervor,
Work is due from every man.

Our cause our aid requires;
Faithfully it should be given;

Constant zeal always inspires;
Aid to man is blessed by heaven.
Love for such and love for Order
In the soul are passions grand.
Forward, then, may every member,
Obedient to the great demand
Raise the banner—sound the war-cry—
Never halting, without fear—
In the strength of Hope press onward,
And thus make a Happy Year.

—A number of communications were not received until the 26th. Too late for this number.

—N. H. Spier, on account of business engagements, has resigned as District Deputy for District No. 1, of Alameda county, and J. H. Harris has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

—Union Lodge, No. 21, Sacramento Lodge, No. 80, and the Degree of Honor Lodge will have a joint installation and public entertainment in the early part of January, in Sacramento. The Grand Master Workman has been invited to be present and participate in the exercises.

—Inadvertently, a number of items were mislaid last month, among them a letter from James Booth, P. G. M. W., relating to the proposed establishment of a Relief Board in Los Angeles. There was to have been a meeting on December 4th to consider the advisability of such a Board.

—Golden West, No. 264, had a grand time Thanksgiving Eve. M. W. McMahon presided and welcomed the large audience. The addresses were made by Wm. H. Barnes, P. G. M. W., and Dr. D. L. Wemple, and an excellent musical and literary programme given by Misses Lester, Campbell, McMahon, Davis, Mrs. Joseph Kelly, Messrs. Farrell, Carr, McCall, Knowlton, Harris, and others. Dancing concluded. Everything passed off creditably, as Golden West generally manages matters. More power to it!

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—Wm. H. Jordan, P. S. M. W., will lecture before Unity Lodge, No. 27, of this city, on Tuesday, January 28th.

—L. G. Schord has been re-elected M. W. of Burns Lodge No. 68. It is creditable to see the willingness with which the old-timers assist in the good work. No. 68 had a splendid time at its 13th anniversary last month.

—The Mogullians are coming.

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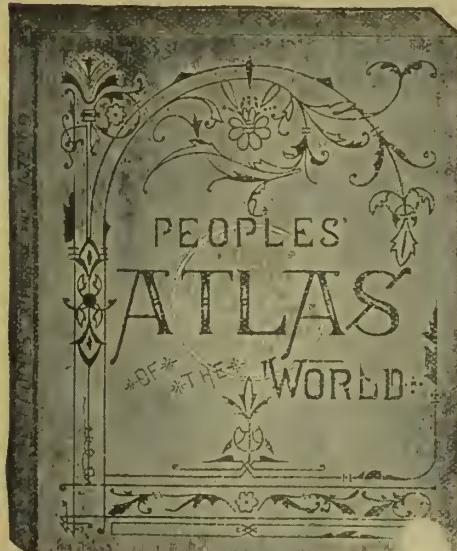
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Like the elephant, he has a trunk, but he doesn't always carry it with him.

The elephant does.

As to what man is really good for, anthropology is still in the dark.

Being strong he used to draw pictures, carry news and pull revolvers. He is also fast and often goes in the human race.

Properly trained, man can jump higher than any other known animal. He has been known to jump mountain resort board bills.

Although in many respects man is like other animals, in this respect he differs from them all—he lies standing up.—Monitor Magazine.

Bank Clerk: This check, madame, isn't filled in. Madame: Isn't what?

Bank Clerk: It has your husband's name signed to it, but it does not state how much money you want. Madam: Oh, is that all? Well, I'll take all there is.

The youngest member of the family had witnessed a hailstorm for the first time. A few days later a shower of rain began to fall during dinner. The same youngster tried hard to get her mother's attention, which she did finally by patting her upon the cheek and exclaiming: "Stop talking. I want to listen, and see, it is raining hard water."

Hard words are like hailstones in summer, beating down and destroying that which they would nourish were they melted into drops.

A Brute of a Husband.

Mrs. Jinks—My husband is a regular brute, and that's all there is about it?

Her Mother—Dearie me! What's he been doing now?

"I had to sit in the station for six mortal hours, waiting for a train—and it was all his fault."

"Didn't he have a time table?"

"Yes. You see we wanted to take the limited express, but we missed it, and had to wait six hours for another limited. Of course, we couldn't travel a thousand miles on a way train, you know."

"Of course not."

"Well, it was just my husband's obstinacy that made us miss the first limited. We were late in starting because I couldn't find by button hook, and finally he said we'd miss the train if we didn't run. Of course, I couldn't run with corsets and a new dress on, you know."

"Of course not."

"So I told him just to run ahead and tell the conductor that I'd be along in ten or fifteen minutes or so—and (would you believe it!) the man who had sworn at the altar to love, honor and protect me wouldn't do it!"—New York Weekly.

Mrs. Gray (to a friend who has been to prayer meeting)—Did you have a good meeting? Mrs. White—Rather uninteresting. None of the men who spoke had ever done anything bad.

Not a sound has ever ceased to vibrate through space; not a ripple has ever been lost upon the ocean. Much more is it true that not a true thought, nor a pure resolve, nor a loving act, has ever gone forth in vain.—Robertson.

Avoid the companion who jests at everything! Such people disparage, by some ludicrous association, all objects which are presented to their thought, and thereby render themselves incapable of any emotion which can either elevate or soften them; they bring upon their moral being an influence more withering than the blasts of the desert.

A watch and a man to be any good must have some "go" to them.

REMEMBER MEMORIAL DAY!
SATURDAY, JAN. 18TH, 1896.

Installations.

District No. 2 will install their officers for the ensuing term in their respective lodges as follows:

Bay View, No. 159, Friday evening, January 3d, 1896, meets at Masonic Temple, South San Francisco.

Excelsior, No. 126, Wednesday evening, January 15th, meets at Excelsior Hall, 2319 Mission street.

Eureka Valley No. 252, Thursday evening, January 23d, meets corner of 17th and Noe streets.

Fairmount, No. 247, Tuesday evening, January 28th, meets at Fairmount Hall, 27th and Mission streets.

All brothers of our Order are cordially invited to assist us, and their presence will be highly appreciated by the members of District No. 2.

Yours in C. H. and P.;
WM. HANSON.

A Japanese Tea.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., December 22d, 1895.

DEAR BROTHER BARNES: — Since my last communication, a number of the members of Magnolia Lodge, No. 34, D. of H., visited Crown of the Valley Lodge of Pasadena (by invitation) on one of their social evenings, and it goes without saying that we had a delightful time. We regretted very much that there was not a larger delegation to represent our lodge, for on such occasions we usually respond to the number of 30 or 40.

Just at this particular time there were a number of our ever present members ill with the then prevailing epidemic, la grippe, while others were suffering with other infirmities due to old age (no reflections), which obliged them to remain at home. As I am too young to be classed with the unfortunate ones that are getting old, I was permitted to go. We were entertained in grand style, after which we were seated to refreshments consisting of all sorts of nice things, both to eat and drink, amid a profusion of the choicest flowers, only a sample of the production of our sister city.

Sister Ney, the present Chief of Honor, welcomed us, and also performed the part of Lady of Ceremonies of the evening's entertainment in her usual pleasing and hospitable way. We always receive a warm welcome, and ever feel at home within their walls. It is not to be wondered at that they are increasing so rapidly in membership. One of those socials a month would make any one join that was eligible. We hope, after the holidays, to get some more additions to our present membership.

Now wishing you a "Merry Christmas" and a very prosperous and "Happy New Year,"

I am yours in C. H. and P.,
EVA G. BOOTH,
Cor. Sec. of Magnolia Lodge, No. 34, D. of H.

San Francisco Lodge Meetings.

MONDAYS—Bernal Lodge, No. 19, 16th and Valencia St.; Magnolia, No. 41, Red Men's Hall, Post St.; Memorial, No. 174, 32 O'Farrell St.

TUESDAYS—Unity, No. 27, Odd Fellows' Hall; Olympic, No. 127, 102 O'Farrell St.; Triumph, No. 180, Odd Fellows' Hall; Noe Valley, No. 185, 24th and Church Sts.; Alta, No. 242, Folsom and 24th Sts.; Fairmount, No. 247, 26th and Valencia Sts.

WEDNESDAYS—San Francisco, No. 4, Red Men's Hall, 320 Post St.; Valley, No. 30, 32 O'Farrell St.; Excelsior, No. 126, 2319 Mission St.; Fidelity, No. 136, 320 Post St.; Friendship, No. 179 (2d and 4th Wednesdays) 32 O'Farrell St.

THURSDAYS—Golden Gate, No. 8, 32 O'Farrell St.; Washington, No. 60, Alcazar; Burns, No. 68, Alcazar; St. John, No. 73, Alcazar; Eureka Valley, No. 252, 17th and Noe Sts.

FRIDAYS—Yerba Buena, No. 14, 32 O'Farrell St.; Franklin, No. 44, 32 O'Farrell St.; Hercules, No. 53, Franklin Hall, Fillmore St.; Bay View, No. 159, 15th St. and R. R. Ave.

SATURDAYS—Harmony, No. 9, Alcazar; Spartan, No. 36, Alcazar; Myrtle, No. 42 (except 2d Saturday), Alcazar; Golden West, No. 264, Potrero Opera House.

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Another Statement.

EDITOR WATCHMAN:—As the question of admitting females to join the Order of the A. O. U. W. is more or less discussed in some of the lodges in this city, the following may be of some interest, being the result of an inquiry by an actuary of a Life Insurance Company to ascertain the relative mortality of male and female lives. He reported as follows:

"That out of every 22 policies issued by the Company, one has been on the life of a woman, there is one woman in every 14 of the death claims.

"That on joint life policies for man and wife, there are 7 deaths of the wife and 5 deaths of the husband, as an average in every 12 cases of death under joint-life policies."

The Company concluded that it was desirable to stop issuing policies on female lives, except at an advanced rate of premium.

Fraternally yours,
J. R. H.

—G. T.—The table issued by the National Mutual Life Association, stating that for \$1,000 in the A. O. U. W. it cost in Wisconsin \$15.38—in N. Y., \$19.00; and in Iowa, \$18.80—has either been published in gross ignorance, or is a deliberate attempt to misrepresent. It does seem singular that such assertions could get into any intelligent newspaper, as everybody ought to know that the extreme limit of cost in the A. O. U. W. in any jurisdiction is \$15 per \$1,000, that in many States it is not \$8, and that the average on this Continent is only \$10 per \$1,000.

The Outlook is Good.

The General Committee, consisting of representatives from all of the subordinate lodges of this city, met in Valley lodge room, December 18th, and heard the report of the Special Committee, consisting of E. F. Joy of Valley Lodge, No. 30, Judge Robert Ferrall of Spartan Lodge, No. 36, W. J. Culbertson of Eureka Valley Lodge, No. 252, and L. McMahon of Golden West Lodge, No. 264. Among the recommendations made by the Committee, which were adopted by the General Committee, was that each lodge should appoint a canvassing committee and committee on entertainment; that the literature of the Order be given more general circulation, and that the ladies generally and the members of the Degree of Honor be interested in the work. The Committee also recommended a number of prizes for brothers introducing the largest number of members.

—The Oakland brethren evidently realize the value of keeping the Order before the people. The papers there give much room to the doings of the A. O. U. W.

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THIS IS THE MONTH TO PAY YOUR LODGE DUES.

It May Be Your Turn Next.

Judge not too harshly, oh my friend!
Of him, your fellow man,
But draw the veil of charity
About him if you can.
He once was called an honest man
Before sore trial vexed—
He stepped from out the narrow path—
It may be your turn next.

Fainting on the great highway
A suffering soul doth lie;
Go staunch his wound and quench his thirst,
Nor pass him idly by.
God will not brook the swift excuse,
The thoughtless, vain pretext;
A fellow mortal bites the dust—
It may be your turn next.

You heard one day, a single word
Against a person's name;
Oh, bear it not from door to door,
To further hurt his fame!
If you're the man you claim to be,
Remember then, the text,
To "speak no evil" true or false—
It may be your turn next.

The world is bad enough, we own,
And it may need more light;
Yet with fraternal love to all,
May we help the cause of right,
Lift up the sinful and the weak,
The soul by care perplexed,
Well knowing that to drink the gall
It may be your turn next.

The Massachusetts Plan.

The first object of the Massachusetts plan of the A. O. U. W. is to fully educate and instruct the members of the Order regarding the objects, benefits and privileges of the Order of which they are members. To accomplish this, each and every member of the Grand Lodge board of officers is utilized as an instructor, not only in the ritualistic work of the Order, but also to instruct and teach the members the entire principle of this system of protection, its methods of conducting business, and all the data regarding the measures to be used to induce persons not members of the Order to join it; and no attempt is made to add new members to a subordinate lodge until all the members who can be reached are fully instructed and interested in the Order.

The second feature of the jurisdiction is not to elevate any member to a Grand Lodge office until he has shown by his work in his subordinate lodge, and the lodges over which he has been placed in charge as a District Deputy, that he has the necessary qualifications and interest in the Order to fill the duties of a higher position.

While an officer of the Grand Lodge is obtaining his honors, he does not receive any compensation for any service rendered; but the moment he becomes a Past Grand Master Workman and is sent out for the purpose of instructing a lodge, he then receives five dollars a night, where he can leave his residence at the close of the day and return the same night. If he is obliged to leave at noon or the middle of the afternoon and cannot return until noon of the next day, he receives ten dollars as compensation.

The District Deputies are all Past Master Workmen who have shown by their ability when filling

ASSESSMENT NOTICE FOR MARCH, 1896.

Whole Number of Deaths, 3,201. Whole Number of Assessments, 388.

G. L. ASSESSMENTS NOS. 5, 6 and 7.

Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., of California.

To all members of the A. O. U. W. of California in good standing March 1, 1896.

You are hereby notified of the following deaths occurring in our Order in this jurisdiction:

OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER,
SAN FRANCISCO, MARCH 1, 1896.

Ass't. No.	NAME.	Age.	No. Death.	Date of Admission.	Date of Death.	Date of Filing	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	CAUSE.
	Louis Westheimer.....	50	33	Jan. 8, 1895	Dec. 3, 1895	Jan. 30, 1896	Marysville.....	38	Marysville.....	Loco. Ataxia
	Adam Orwald.....	55	34	Nov. 3, 1884	" 24, "	Feb. 20, "	Enterprise.....	17	San Jose.....	Apoplexy,
	Peter Sturich.....	51	35	Apr. 18, 1891	" 25, "	Jan. 27, "	Amador.....	133	Amador.....	Con-umption.
	R. S. D'Arcy.....	49	36	June 5, 1883	Jan. 5, 1896	" 30, "	Unity.....	27	San Francisco	Accidental Fall.
	Gary Van Buren Davis.....	60	37	May 3, 1878	" 8, "	" 22,	Cloverdale.....	32	Cloverdale.....	Fatty Deg'n of Hrt.
	D. L. Shrode.....	27	38	May 11, 1895	" 10, "	" 30,	Covina.....	232	Covina.....	Inflam. of Brain.
	Henry Hook.....	47	39	Aug. 19, 1881	" 14, "	Feb. 18,	Mt. Diablo.....	91	Walnut Creek.....	Drowning.
	George Stewart.....	54	40	Nov. 3, 1879	" 18, "	" 11,	Valley.....	30	San Francisco	Disease of Stom.
	John W. Ayer.....	15	41	Jan. 23, 1880	" 17, "	Jan. 30,	Sutter Creek.....	158	Sutter Creek.....	Consumption.
	Mathew N. Wood.....	60	42	Oct. 5, 1880	" 21, "	Feb. 3,	Sacramento.....	80	Sacramento.....	Heart Disease.
	Henry Hanssen.....	49	43	Mar. 2, 1880	" 22, "	" 8,	Grass Valley.....	51	Grass Valley.....	Accidental fall
	E. G. Lenfest.....	63	44	July 23, 1881	" 22, "	" 20,	Navarro.....	200	Navarro.....	Cancer of Rect'm
	Orren Barr.....	45	45	Feb. 8, 1879	" 25, "	Jan. 30,	Visalia.....	79	Visalia.....	Aneurism of Aorta
	[W. A. Engiver.....	61	46	July 15, 1878	" 26, "	Feb. 13,	Magnolia.....	41	San Francisco	Heart Disease.
	John T. Gray.....	62	47	Dec. 25, 1878	" 27, "	" 7,	Alameda.....	5	Alameda.....	Vai. Dis. of Hrt.
	Wm. F. Tierney.....	32	48	Jan. 3, 1894	" 28, "	" 8,	Sausalito.....	20	Sausalito.....	Drowning, accid'l.
	Chrisanto Mesa.....	53	49	Mar. 9, 1888	" 28, "	" 18,	Mt. View.....	59	Mt. View.....	Apoplect.
	Patrick J. Hu-sey.....	53	50	Nov. 18, 1887	" 29, "	Jan. 29,	Spartan.....	26	San Francisco	Anuerism of Aorta
	Simon L. Knight.....	66	51	Mar. 22, 1878	" 31, "	Feb. 14,	Redwood City....	25	Redwood City....	Fatty deg'n. Hrt.
	Chas. W. H. Coney.....	52	52	Mar. 4, 1881	Feb. 3,	" 15,	Yerba Buena.....	14	San Francisco	Consumpt. on.
	William P. McCarthy.....	57	53	Nov. 23, 1877	" 5, "	" 24,	Main Top.....	116	Michigan Bluff.....	Pneumonia.
	Jas. S. Neill.....	49	54	Mar. 3, 1886	" 6, "	" 25,	Valley.....	30	San Francisco	Heart disease.
	Olof A. Anderson.....	55	55	Sept. 26, 1884	" 11, "	" 26,	Hercules.....	53	do - do	Consumpt. on.
	Chas. Laninger.....	43	56	Oct. 13, 1879	" 19, "	" 19,	Fidelity.....	138	do - do	Cancer of Rectum.
	John H. Colchasure.....	66	57	Jan. 5, 1880	" 14, "	" 18,	Butte.....	114	Meridian.....	Kidney Disease.
	James D. Daizell.....	50	58	May 10, 1889	" 14, "	" 24,	San Benito.....	96	Hollister.....	Rup. of cereb. ar.
	Robert B. Lyon.....	63	59	Apr. 23, 1879	" 16, "	" 24,	Pueblo.....	168	Sonoma.....	Heart Disease.
	Julio Navarro.....	41	60	June 7, 1880	" 16, "	" 25,	Magnolia.....	41	San Francisco	Consumpt. on.
	John D. McCarthy.....	61	61	Jan. 6, 1882	" 16, "	" 25,	Los Banos.....	193	Los Baños.....	Paralysis.

The above necessitates levying ASSESSMENTS Nos. 5, 6 and 7, amounting to THREE DOLLARS which must be paid to the Financier of your Lodge on or before Mar h 28, 1896, otherwise your beneficiary certificate will stand suspended. (G. L. Const., Sec. 42, Sub-division S.)

Fraternally in O. H. and P.

D. S. HIRSHBERG,

Grand Recorder.

Approved

WILLIAM BRODERICK,
THOMAS W. BETHELL, } Finance Committee.
E. J. FENNIN,



the chair of the Master Workman to be the right men in the right place, and as a rule they are given from two to six lodges to supervise. Each Deputy is authorized to make four visits during the year to each lodge under his charge, and for this he receives no compensation but is paid all reasonable expenses attending his visits. Upon the night of installation he is authorized to take with him two Past Master Workmen, one to fill the position of Past Grand Master Workman and the other Grand Guide, and the expenses of these officers are also paid by the Grand Lodge.

The Executive Committee meets once a month, the first Monday evening of each month being the regular night of meeting. Each Supervisor at that meeting is expected to render an account of the condition of affairs in his portion of the jurisdiction, with such suggestions as he deems necessary for the proper work of the Order, and requests such appropriations for the purpose of holding public meetings as his judgment shall dictate are necessary. If the Executive Committee deems his suggestions wise, they are adopted and the necessary appropriations made.

The jurisdictions is divided into districts, over each of which a Supervisor is placed who has all the powers of a Grand Master Workman as far as the supervision of the lodges is concerned, with the exception of the power of making a decision; that power resting with the Grand Master Workman alone.

Each Supervisor has the power to call upon any Past Grand Officer within the jurisdiction to assist him in instructing the officers of lodges, and if he desires the services of any Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer outside of his State he must call upon the Grand Master Workman for a detail of such officer.

District conventions are held during each year,

at which only the Grand Lodge Degree can be conferred upon those eligible to receive it, and they are usually held in the afternoon, say 2 or 3 o'clock, followed by a lodge of instruction, when any matters which are for the interest of the immediate locality are fully discussed and instructions upon any point given by the Grand Lodge Officers present. The exercises close with a public meeting, generally held in the largest hall in the city in which these conventions are held, to which the public are invited by ticket. At these meetings a musical and literary entertainment, in addition to the presentation of the Order by the Grand Lodge officers present, is the programme. All the expenses of these meetings are paid by the Grand Lodge and are charged to instruction.

They have been a most potent factor in keeping the Order before the public, and they are always followed by an immediate increase of applications for membership in the lodges located in the vicinity of the place where the meetings are held.

The jurisdiction, from its inception, has always had the idea that the prompt payment of the death claims is an object lesson too valuable to be lost, and, therefore, all the Grand Officers have continually in mind the fact that the quicker the claims can be paid after the proof of death is received, the greater the benefit to the Order. To accomplish this result the Finance Committee meet at the Grand Lodge office every Monday evening and all claims in order are approved by the Committee and on Tuesday are paid by a warrant drawn upon the Grand Receiver and immediately forwarded to the subordinate lodge.

A large portion of the success of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts can be attributed to the fact that for several years the payment of the death claims has been within twenty-five days of the death of the member and within fifteen days of the time the claim was received at the Grand Lodge office.

From the organization of the jurisdiction the Grand Lodge Officers have endeavored to educate the members to the fact of its being a large business corporation, that its business must be conducted upon the strictest business principles, that it cannot live alone upon fraternity, but that with fraternity and the best business principles which its officers can bring to its use combined, success can only be achieved. Upon cold, hard business alone, it cannot be a success; neither can it be a success upon fraternity alone.

The appropriations for all departments of the Order, namely, expenses of the Grand Lodge office, expenses of its Grand Officers, instruction, and in fact every possible expense, are liberal, permitting the Grand Lodge Officers to, at all times, be prepared to meet any emergency that may arise and to take advantage of any favorable circumstance in any locality to push the Order to its fullest extent.

The appropriation for printing supplies and literature is so large that it enables the Grand Lodge Officers to prepare a circular of all the facts connected with the history of the Order, not only in the general jurisdictions, but in this jurisdiction, and these pamphlets containing all this information, are spread broadcast throughout the length and breadth of the jurisdiction. It does not wait for the lodges to apply for the literature, but each year the Grand Officers forward liberal supplies of these pamphlets with instructions for them to be disposed of, and if more are needed to call for them.

To better illustrate the magnitude of this work 200,000 of these pamphlets were prepared and printed at one time in the early portion of this year, and nearly the entire number have been circulated to the public.

Deputy Grand Master Workmen are employed, whenever suitable persons can be found to organize new lodges and these organizers are under the care of the Supervisors in the State in which they are working. After the applicants for a charter have been examined and approved, the Supervisor institutes the lodge, the Deputy Grand Master Workman not being permitted to do this work, it having been found that it was a great measure of economy to have the instituting done by the Supervisor, who is furnished with written instructions from the Grand Master Workman as to all the methods to be pursued in performing this work. This prevents the papers being improperly filled out, and it is only upon rare occasions that any difficulty is found which delays issuing a beneficiary certificate to a newly-made member. Before this idea was adopted it was sometimes months before the beneficiary certificate could be issued, owing to the informalities in the papers which, in many cases, were almost impossible to cure.

Lodges of instruction are held at central points in the jurisdiction a number of times each year, where the ritualistic work is presented by the best known ritualistic officers in the jurisdiction; and after this work has been completed, a discussion of the work of the lodge room in all departments takes place, and they are the means of educating the subordinate lodge officers in the manner of conducting all the business which properly belongs and comes under their charge.

Where feasible, as often as once each year, the various lodges are instructed to send a representative to a public meeting, the Master Workman being the one usually selected, at which the District Deputies are present, the first order of business being the discussion of a banquet. Then each lodge present is requested to pledge such number of new members before the close of the year as the judgment of the lodge shall dictate as possible to attain. These pledges are not always fulfilled, but they have been a great incentive to the lodges to complete the pledge.

At the Grand Lodge session, in addition to the compensation of two dollars a day and eight cents a mile mileage one way, the Grand Lodge provides a dinner for the representatives in the same building in which the sessions are held. Upon the evening of the first day a banquet is held, to which each representative is entitled to one ticket, the entire expenses of the dinners and banquet being paid by the Grand Lodge. It has been decided by the Grand Lodge Officers that the money spent in this way brings the greatest results of any of the money expended in the interests of the Order. First, it enables the sessions of the Grand Lodge to be conducted with less loss of time for the dinner hour, and second, the members have a chance at the banquet to become better acquainted with each other, and are kept from visiting places which might be to their detriment.

The Grand Lodge provides that the Supreme Master Workman shall be present at the banquets

and often other leading men from other jurisdictions are invited, and under the influence of their inspiring words, are enthused to that extent that they go home to their lodges and are enabled to awaken enthusiasm from the information that they have received and instruction furnished them, which is felt for months. A still further advantage is, it awakens a desire in the members of a subordinate lodge to go through the chairs of a lodge and be permitted to attend a Grand Lodge session and partake in the pleasure and benefits of such meetings. It therefore results in a better class of officers being elected than would ordinarily be done if such an inducement did not exist.

Each Supervisor sends a circular each month to the lodges under his control showing what each lodge has done during the month, and if a loss has occurred in any lodge in any month, not only is the lodge written to but the District Deputy having charge of the lodge is advised of the fact and asked to use his influence to bring about a change. The work of each Supervisor in his district tends to stimulate the other Supervisors to endeavor to keep pace with their associates and awakens a generous rivalry among them, which brings out the best work of the Supervisors.

It may be said that the formation of this jurisdiction permits this rivalry which could not exist in a jurisdiction composed of a single State; but if such a jurisdiction should divide its territory by counties, placing a Superintendent in charge, the same results and stimulant could be reached.

The expense of the meetings of the Executive Committee will average about five hundred dollars a year, but it is money well spent, as it educates each Supervisor to an exact knowledge of what is being done all over the jurisdiction and is sure to awaken all the best efforts of a supervisor who finds work in his district lagging behind his associates.

The jurisdiction makes a point of having a grand celebration once a year at several points in each State, expenses of which are paid by the Grand Lodge.—Nebraska Workman.

Golden West, No. 263.

DEAR WATCHMAN:—On Saturday evening, February 22d, I visited Golden West Lodge, No 263, meeting in the Opera Hall in the southern suburb of the city which retains the old Spanish name of the Potrero. Unlike most of the lodges in this city and State which meet, transact routine business and adjourn, this lodge has generally something of a more interesting nature to do. It had on this occasion, and so the lodge was called to order promptly on time. When the order "initiation of candidates" was reached there were three on the docket for the Junior Workman Degree, one of whom, however, could not attend, and his initiation was deferred until the next meeting night. The other two were promptly given the Degree. For the Workman Degree two candidates were duly presented and had the degree conferred upon them. There was also one admitted by card and one new candidate whose application was received and referred to the proper committee. It was a pleasant and somewhat inspiring sight in a San Francisco lodge, and that one of the most out of the way of our city lodges, to see the new candidates surrounded at the altar by a living chain of 45 loyal brethren, all of whom, except two, were members of Golden West. I was told that the attendance was by no means extraordinary, and as they have initiations every meeting night, and no Grand Lodge Officers were expected, and only ordinary preparations had been made, I can well believe it. The remainder of the lodge business having been transacted the lodge was adjourned in due form, and the members immediately called to order again as "The Potrero Social Club." Brother Sam Booth of Excelsior Lodge, No. 126, being called to the chair as honorary President, complimented the lodge on the large attendance and good feeling displayed, and said that while other lodges were racking their brains and trying to devise ways and means for gaining new members and coaxing the old ones to attend the lodge meetings, Golden West had evidently discovered the secret, i. e., to bring them in, and insure them of a good time when they got in. To set the good time going he sang a couple of songs and was followed by others in songs, recitations and other amusing exercises. Meantime, sandwiches and other refreshments were liberally passed around, and it verily seemed as if Golden West had indeed discovered the secret of success.

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Grand Lodge of California, A. O. U. W.

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Receipts and Disbursements.

BENEFICIARY FUND.

Dr.	
Balance on hand, January, 1896.....	\$ 654 30
Received during January, 1896.....	16,058 00

Total \$ 16,712 30

By Warrants Issued.

No. 5,206, Beneficiary, Peter Kumle.....	\$ 2,000 00
" 5,207, " Peter Brng	2,000 00
" 5,208, " Antone Christiansen.....	2,000 00
" 5,209, " Edward Quillinan.....	2,000 00
" 5,210, " W. P. Milloglav.....	2,000 00
" 5,211, " Thomas Dugan.....	2,000 00
" 5,212, " James Wynn.....	2,000 00
" 5,213, " Herbert Kraft	2,000 00

Total Disbursements..... \$ 16,000 00

Balance on hand..... \$ 712 30

GENERAL FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand January 1, 1896.....	\$ 751 87
Received during January, 1896.....	8,864 70

Total \$ 7,616 57

Warrants Issued.

No. 1,225, Rent, L. C. Fraser.....	60 00
" 1,226, Janitor, W. W. Butler	7 00
" 1,227, Expense, Maud Rice	35 00
" 1,228, Expense, Blanche Turner	25 00
" 1,229, Court Costs, etc., Kumle vs. G Lodge..	762 60
" 1,230, Supplies, Le Count Bros.....	2 33
" 1,231, Printing, Commercial Publishing Co ..	39 75
" 1,232, Contingent, Postage.....	51 85
" 1,232, Contingent, Sundries	5 90
" 1,232, Contingent, Expressage	4 35
" 1,233, Printing, J. O. Jephson.....	1 50
" 1,234, Expense, F. S. Poland	4 50
" 1,235, Expense, Leo E. Alexander	5 00
" 1,236, Supplies, Payot, Upham & Co.....	13 17
" 1,237, Expense, Pacific States Watchman.....	356 25
" 1,238, Expense, Pacific T. & T. Co	6 50
" 1,239, Expense, J. L. Mayon.....	26 40
" 1,240, Expressage, Wells, Fargo & Co.....	23 35
" 1,241, Expense, John Henderson	5 50
" 1,242, Expense, D. S. Hirshberg	201 00
" 1,243, Expressage, Wells, Fargo & Co.....	35 55
" 1,244, Expense, Pacific Surety Co.....	15 00
" 1,245, Salary, Samuel Booth	50 00
" 1,246, Salary, D. S. Hirshberg	316 66

Total Disbursements

..... \$ 2,054 16

Balance on hand..... \$ 5,562 41

RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand January 1, 1896.....	\$ 87 75
Received during January, 1896.....	15,608 70

Total \$ 15,696 45

McCABE FUND.

Received during January, 1896.....	\$ 4 60
Warrant No. 29, John J. Acker, S. R.....	4 60

TOTAL BALANCES ON HAND FEBRUARY 1, 1896.

In Beneficiary Fund.....	\$ 712 30
In General Fund.....	5,562 41

Grand Total..... \$ 6,274 71

SAN FRANCISCO, February 9, 1896.

We, your Finance Committee, have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Recorder and Grand Receiver and find the same to agree and are correct.

WILLIAM BRODEBICK, } Finance
E. J. FENNIN, } Committee.
THOS. W. BETHELL, }

San Francisco Lodge Meetings.

MONDAYS—Bernal Lodge, No. 19, 16th and Valencia St.; Magnolia, No. 41, Red Men's Hall, Post St.; Washington, No. 60, Alcazar; Memorial, No. 174, 32 O'Farrell St.

TUESDAYS—Unity, No. 27, Odd Fellows' Hall; Olympic, No. 127, 102 O'Farrell St.; Triumph, No. 180, Odd Fellows' Hall; Noe Valley, No. 183, 24th and Church Sts.; Alta, No. 212, Folsom and 24th Sts.; Fairmount, No. 247, Fairmount Hall, Precita Ave., near Mission St.

WEDNESDAYS—San Francisco, No. 4, Red Men's Hall, 320 Post St.; Valley, No. 30, 32 O'Farrell St.; Excelsior, No. 126, 2319 Mission St.; Fidelity, No. 136, 320 Post St.; Friendship, No. 179 (2d and 4th Wednesdays) 32 O'Farrell St.

THURSDAYS—Golden Gate, No. 8, 32 O'Farrell St.; Burns, No. 68, Alcazar; St. John, No. 73, Alcazar; Eureka Valley, No. 252, 17th and Noe Sts.

FRIDAYS—Yerba Buena, No. 14, Alcazar; Franklin, No. 44, 32 O'Farrell St.; Hercules, No. 53, Franklin Hall; Fillmore St.; Bay View, No. 159, 15th St. and R. R. Ave.

SATURDAYS—Harmony, No. 9, Alcazar; Spartan, No. 36, Alcazar; Myrtle, No. 42 (except 2d Saturday), Alcazar; Golden West, No. 264, Potrero Opera House.

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The Coming Session.

The first Tuesday in next month (April 7th, 1896) the Grand Lodge of California will assemble in the City of San Francisco to discuss measures for the benefit and progress of the A. O. U. W. of this jurisdiction.

It will be an important session. For some years past, from various causes, Workmanship in California has not made the progress its merits and results entitled it to, and which has accompanied its history in many other jurisdictions.

We may safely remark that this state of affairs has not resulted from lack of some good energetic workers, or from a failure to expend money to some extent, but independent of the general financial disarrangement of affairs from which we are now recovering, it has resulted from a failure to have enough workers.

The successful years of this jurisdiction show, beyond all question, that the membership was obtained by the following methods: 1. The holding of great public meetings where large audiences were addressed by speakers familiar with and enthusiastic on the subject. 2. By the distribution of pithy, plain, printed matter, with blank applications, and 3d, by personal individual canvassing.

And these have been, and still are, the methods pursued by those jurisdictions which are prospering, and with 40 years of active practical fraternal experience, the editor of THE WATCHMAN unhesitatingly asserts that these methods are among the most valuable.

A round of visitation to subordinate lodges, while encouraging to the brethren of said lodges, and strictly within the duties of the G. M. W., if not attended by some public gathering, to bring the Order prominently before those from whom new members are to be drawn, fails to be of the benefit requisite, and hence in the successful years referred to a public meeting was a regular part of the programme, even if the G. M. W. had to remain in the locality a couple of days, which he often did.

The going to a locality by an evening train, and leaving it by the first morning train, with a visitation to the closed lodge, and perhaps an enjoyable collation, though pleasant to those present, does not a tithe of the good which would be accomplished by a public meeting, and the presentation of the Grand Officer to the citizens.

We surrender considerable space to the "Massachusetts Plan." Of course, there is a difference in a jurisdiction where you are never out of sight of a settlement, village, town, or city, and here where you can travel hours enough to go through any of the New England States, and never see a locality capable of sustaining a lodge.

But for all that, California has a larger percentage of members to population than New England, and there is yet good material left, and more is coming by every excursion train from the East—and coming to stay.

Hundreds of men now residing in California are members of the A. O. U. W. in other jurisdictions, but do not transfer their membership, because the assessments are less there than here. They say "we would not mind \$2 per month, or \$24 per year, but \$30 is a little too high," etc.

Now, without arguing that \$30 per year is less money than \$2,000 can be carried for in any first-class insurance insurance company, or permanent legitimate fraternity, it is a simple fact that California has reached this \$30 rate because she has lost instead of gained membership. Not lost by death, but by a heavy rate of suspensions. If all of those living, who have joined the Order in California and dropped out of it, were in the Order now, the assessments would not be \$20 per year.

When membership decreases, assessments increase, and vice-versa.

Therefore the vital and imperative necessity for increase of membership; and by giving the "Massachusetts Plan," which has been successful, for the reflection and investigation of our brethren, it is believed that several of the ideas and practices there embodied may be adapted for the benefits of the cause in California.

Every true and faithful Workman in this jurisdiction desires increased prosperity here. We ask you, brethren, to think carefully over the problem before us, and as the next number of the WATCHMAN will go to press and be in the hands of the brethren before the Grand Lodge meets, give us your views for publication. Not so much a comment on the unsuccessful years, as what will make success and prosperity in the coming ones.

Valley's Reception.

The "Call" of February 3d notices this occasion as follows:

Valley Lodge, with a view to creating a greater interest than already exists in the Order, and to inform those who are not members of it of the good that the Workmen are doing, and what they have done in the past, gave an entertainment in Laurel Hall, Shiels' Building, last Wednesday night. The hall, large as it is, was too small to hold all who sought admission, but those who were fortunate to obtain even standing room were pleasantly entertained and instructed. The committee to whom is due the credit for the success of the entertainment was composed of John W. McCarthy, James M. Camp, T. D. Mullaney, S. A. White and E. F. Joy.

Among the many attractive features of a very interesting programme was an address of welcome by Master Workman J. C. Underwood, an address by Grand Recorder Hirshberg, who outlined the benefits that result from belonging to the Workmen, and then dwelt at some length on the Degree of Honor, and calling upon the ladies who do not belong to it to give the auxiliary due consideration. As a result of his address a number of ladies made application to join.

Then there was a short address by Past Grand Master Workman Wm. H. Barnes, who spoke of the age, solidity and permanency of the Order of Workmen. In his address he spoke of the recent Fraternal Congress, at which some 40 beneficiary organizations were represented, none of them so old as the Workmen, and yet the Workmen having the largest membership showed in proportion the smallest death rate. The whole number of deaths in California since the organization of the Grand Lodge in 1878 is 3,172, show a payment of benefits to the amount of \$6,344,000. On account of Valley Lodge has been paid in death benefits since its organization \$378,000 for 169 deaths. He then dwelt upon the cheapness of protection in the Workmen, and declared that the Order, now 28 years old, having long since passed the experimental stage, is preferable to new organizations for those who wish to provide for their families.

Mrs. Eva Cogan of Ivy Lodge, D. of H., gave a recitation entitled "The Model Church" in a manner that marks the lady as a first-class elocutionist. This number was rewarded with much applause. Sheriff Whelan's rendition of Irish songs, as only Whelan can render them, won the audience.

The following were the other numbers on the programme: Violin solo, "Blue Bells of Scotland," Master Geddes Lyle, Miss Lulu McLeod, accompanist; song, "Sliding Down Our Cellar Door," Mabel Callahan, aged 5 years; vocal solo, "Italian Fisherman's Song," Miss M. McLellan; recitation, "When Jack Comes Back," Miss Edna Elsmere; comic recitation, Gus Pohlmann; vocal solo, "Heart of Hearts," E. Bornodo. The entertainment closed with a dance to the music of Miss Kate Coyle's Orchestra.

\$567,148.00!

Over one-half million of dollars, and yet this sum was needed to pay the debts in those jurisdictions which had paid their maximum assessments, and said maximum assessments did not pay for all the debts which had occurred in said jurisdictions during the year 1895.

Some years ago, when the yellow fever swept away scores of brethren in Memphis, Tennessee, and tens of thousands of dollars were due to their heirs, our antagonists said: "Aha, what did we tell you? You ought to have had a reserve fund like the reliable (?) insurance companies! Now you are bankrupt, aha!" and how they gloated over what they thought was the certain impending ruin of the A. O. U. W.

But we said to them: "Don't be woozy. The A. O. U. W. has a Reserve Fund. It is in the pockets of its members."

Then they shouted, "Ridiculous! Absurd!" and kindred adjectives; but in a little while they stood with staring eyes and open mouths, for a call for help was issued, promptly responded to, and all obligations cancelled in Tennessee.

It is known that every year some jurisdictions will have more debts than their maximum assessment will pay, and therefore \$1 per member is called for this purpose, but as will be seen \$1 was not enough for 1895, and the "reserve fund" had to be drawn upon for 50 cents per member more. It was called last month, and by the time this journal gets around, it will be paid in, and the books all over the continent be balanced.

The relief granted by the S. L. Relief Board was apportioned as follows: New York, \$85,425; Illinois, \$83,764; Kentucky, \$54,032; Tennessee, 47,039; Pennsylvania, \$42,604; Ontario, \$40,200; Ohio, \$34,685; California, \$34,600; Michigan, \$22,694; Georgia, \$20,198; Wisconsin, 14,772; Nevada, \$11,837; Quebec, \$8,525; Maryland, \$6,772. Total, \$507,148.00.

The call is based on the membership as it stood June, 1895. At that time there were 344-204 members of the Order. To realize the amount needed, a relief call of \$1.50 per capita on the whole Order was necessary.

This is the largest call that has ever been made, except the one of 1891, and it is owing to the extreme liberality that pervaded the session of the Supreme Lodge of 1893, when the maximums were last fixed. The maximums will be readjusted at the session of 1896, and it is not at all likely that any such low maximums will be given many of the jurisdictions as have heretofore prevailed. They will be required to pay nearer their natural death rate.

The fixing of the terms of the Relief Law and many other very important measures will be brought before the next session of the Supreme Lodge, and Brother J. W. Kinsley says the Supreme Master Workman is of the opinion that the session will last nearly two weeks, and he stated that he should refuse any excuses, and members attending must be prepared to stay the session out or forfeit their mileage and per diem.

Victory at Last!

The old adage that "Truth is mighty and will prevail," has again been illustrated. In 1882, on a night train from Chicago to Cincinnati, two California representatives (Pratt and Barnes) on their way to the Supreme Lodge spent much of said night in endeavor to show an Iowa representative that the position of Iowa in refusing to pay the trifling relief call (which had been levied to help a needy sister jurisdiction) was incorrect, unfraternal and mutinous. The pleadings and argument were without avail. Iowa claimed to be an incorporated authority of its own, defied the Supreme Lodge, etc., etc. All know the history. All but a handful of a few hundred loyal brethren, with W. R. Graham, G. M. W., at their head, were expelled. The disloyal, with their thousands, set up in business for themselves, claimed to be the legal and only A. O. U. W. with their 11,000 members, and for some reason never yet satisfactorily explained to our mind, the good will of the Iowa courts were with the rebels. Iowa jurists, different from all others, pronounced the A. O. U. W. a business organization, and not a fraternal society, into which error they were led by the testimony of those who had been expelled by the Supreme Lodge because of the fact that they violated all fraternal laws.

But truth, equity and fraternity are at last triumphant for, as the "Keystone Workman" says:

"The Supreme Court has reversed its former ruling, and also the decision of Judge Husted, whereby the A. O. U. W. was declared to be an insurance company and amenable to the insur-

ance laws of the State. For fourteen years we have contested this case and at last have established the principle that no body of men can steal the name and prestige of the A. O. U. W. It is a glorious victory—long contested for—and now that it is won we rejoice and are exceeding glad."

Our congratulations to Brother Graham and his loyal 9,000 followers which have come from the little band of 1882.

The Alidas Have a Party.

SAN JOSE, February 20th, 1896.

DEAR BROTHER BARNES: — On February 12th, Alida Upchurch Lodge, No. 6, D. of H., gave one of the most delightful socials of the season. The committee in charge had worked diligent to make it such a grand success. It was a character party and the large A. O. U. W. Hall was crowded. Only about 60 or 70 assumed characters. Some represented business houses or firms, some were most original, others comical. Some were in old-fashioned costumes of 60 years ago, others in the latest styles. The San Jose "Daily Mercury" was well represented by a charming young lady. "America" and "Uncle Sam" each had suits made of American flags and led the grand march. A number of dark-eyed Senoritas and several Japanese maidens, as well as "butterflies," "clowns," "monkeys," and others, were present.

A song and dance "Alabama Coon" by little Lillia and Ollie Frost, who were dressed as darkies representing "The Dandy Dude" and "Topsy with her Doll," was the hit of the evening. They were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Vinter and the violin by Mr. Brohaska. The candy and lemonade booth was in care of Miss Maud Ickes and Miss Emma Basse, and was well patronized. Brohaska's Band furnished the music for dancing. During the evening a flashlight photograph was taken of a group of those in character costume.

An elegant supper was partaken of by all present. The entertainment committee were Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Vinter and Mrs. Brandenberry. The supper committee were Mrs. G. Bacon, Mrs. C. Bacon, Mrs. Basse, Mrs. Hennessey and Mrs. Shayer. Yours in C. H. and P.,

MARY J. FULLER,
P. C. of H. of No. 6.

Dixon

It is not often that Dixon Lodge, No. 50, A. O. U. W., essays anything in the social line, but when it does the affair is a signal success. The open installation was no exception, as those who were present describe it as a most enjoyable occasion. The installing officer was District Deputy Kidd of Vacaville. He performed his work very satisfactorily. The following literary and musical programme was then rendered: Remarks, Miss Aldrich; vocal solo, Miss Luella Thomas; recitation, Harry Stenge; piano and violin duett, Henry Pedrick and Miss Lottie Ulsteen; recitation, Travine Norman; cornet solo, Arthur Deuprey; song, Edmond Frizell. Each number was liberally applauded and every performer was compelled to respond to an encore. The festivities concluded with a sumptuous banquet to which the members and their guests did ample justice.—Dixon Tribune.

The Osterman Case.

Aside from the personal interest that attaches to the decision of the Supreme Court just handed down in the case of Mrs. Sarah Osterman vs. District Grand Lodge, No. 4, I. O. B. B., an important precedent is established in connection with fraternal society legislation.

Monroe Osterman died on May 29th, 1891, and at the time of his death was a member and Secretary of Ophir Lodge, No. 21, I. O. B. B.

His widow, after his death, in due time made application for the \$2,000 to which she claimed to be entitled by virtue of her husband at the time of his death being a member of the endowment branch of the Order. She was informed, however, by Trustees D'Ancona and Saalburg, of Ophir Lodge that not only had her husband been delinquent in his dues and assessments at the time of his death, but that he was a defaulter.

During the trial of the case Trustee Saalburg testified on direct examination that Osterman's defalcation was between \$3,400 and \$3,500, but on cross examination he modified this so as to bring the amount down to about \$900, but it was later shown that the actual shortage was less than \$300.

It was also shown that there was due Osterman

from Ophir Lodge at the time of his death more than the amount of his shortage and the dues and assessments which had become delinquent.

The claim set up by the defense, however, rested mainly upon the allegation that the deceased had been delinquent and liable to suspension, but had been able to keep the matter of his delinquency from the lodge by virtue of being its Secretary. But the Supreme Court holds that the laws of the Order expressly provide that a member must be formally suspended by his lodge before his heirs lose their right to the endowment, and that a mere delinquency did not abrogate the rights of the member's beneficiaries.

Another peculiar development that was part of the proceedings in the trial court was the testimony of the plaintiff that she had been induced by Trustee William Saalburg to sign the following document before they would consent to pay her the endowment:

"You are hereby authorized to pay to Ophir Lodge, No. 21, all moneys in the hands of my late husband, Monroe Osterman, belonging to said lodge, and to deduct the same from the endowment of \$1,000 which you hold for me under the laws of District Grand Lodge, No. 4."

This order the Supreme Court holds to be of no value, as the endowment in question could not be made liable for her husband's debts.

Many of the members of the Order were surprised that the plaintiff should have been able to secure the services of Joseph Rothschild, as he is not only the Attorney for the Order but is also a member of the supreme tribunal of the organization—the International Court of Appeals. Speaking of his action in taking the case Mr. Rothschild said that it appeared to him to be so flagrant an attempt at injustice to a widow that he felt it his duty, as a member of the Order, whose pride it is to look after the widows and orphans of deceased members, to assist Mrs. Osterman to secure her endowment.

From An Old Worker.

DEAR BROTHER BARNES:—It seems to the most oblivious that we are living in a progressive age. Some of us old fellows look with wonder on the improvements being made in all things almost, but are they all needed; are they all beneficial? that is the question that comes up in spite of the glowing terms in which they are heralded to the world. Especially so may this question be asked as to the sweeping changes that are contemplated by the would-be-wise ones in our Order; they are not satisfied with our Order as it came from the hands of the immortal Upchurch that grew so unprecedentedly and in so short a time reached the 300,000 membership mark; that has carried help and happiness to so many firesides that would otherwise be desolate.

No, it must, it seems, all be changed. Some want a reserve fund; some graded assessments; others want the ladies in our lodges; others want beneficiary certificates made out in different amounts, and the last genius that has spoken up wants paid up policies. Adopt all of these, and what would be left of the A. O. U. W. as Father Upchurch gave it to us? For one, I am opposed to every one of these changes, or so-called improvements in our noble Order. I say, "hands off," and let us keep on in our regular and legitimate lines. I am 16 years a member of our Order and I never miss a meeting of lodge, and have visited a great many other lodges, and from what I have seen and know of our Order, I know that the Workmen of California do not wish any such changes. I have listened to men in our Grand Lodge more than once find fault with things as they exist. They seemed to think that this Order was waiting for their advent to tell them what to do and how to do it, and upon enquiry I found that in most cases these great improvers of our Order were not seen in their subordinate lodge once a term on an average after they had passed the chair; they were not in touch or sympathy with the workers in the subordinate lodge, that great body who are slow to speak but positive when they do speak.

In my lodge of 69 members at a recent meeting we took a vote on the above-named subjects, and in every case the vote was unanimous against any of the contemplated changes, and each was well considered and debated before the vote was taken. The idea of each member carrying his portion of the reserve fund in his pocket, subject to call, is so time-honored as to be dear to us. As for graded assessments, that is the brightest of all the ideas; if a man joins the Order and dies in three or four years that seems to be all right and satisfactory, but if he lives as I have to pay assessments for 16 years, then he must be fined for so doing, and pay increased assessments—a sort of

punishment for having lived so long and helped the Order to meet all of its obligations. And they want the ladies in. What is the present attitude of the societies with a beneficiary feature like ours that has a membership of both sexes? Look at them and see where they are. If my wife had been in my lodge with me last year, both she and I would have been out months ago, for it has been at times as much as I could do to pay my own assessments. As for my wife, she is well satisfied with my attending Workmen's lodges, but, as she says, if it gets to be a hive for female men and male women to congregate in, she don't want me to have anything to do with it. I wonder if there are many women who think as she does on that subject? I have no doubt that are a good many.

Our \$2,000 level beneficiary is our pride. To change it is to classify our membership, and I think we should be of one mind on all these subjects. As for the paid-up-policy business there is no doubt, an occasional case to be met with where it would work well. Most all of our members are heads of families who look out for their assessments for it pays to do so.

To close I would say, let well enough alone, and if any of these changes are proposed in good earnest in our coming Supreme Lodge, let them before adopting them have them submitted to our subordinate lodges through our Grand Lodges, and let those who have to pay out the dollars have a chance to voice their sentiments for or against the proposed changes.

I see that a Judge somewhere in the East has decided that a society cannot change the terms of a contract entered into by any man when he enters its membership. This is something unprecedented. Will more of such decisions follow? It is best to make haste slowly in these sweeping changes. I see that the only changes of importance that have been made do not work well, and the commission that is to meet this month to consider the contemplated changes are to consider the advisability of restoring the 50-year age limit and of allowing members the privilege of making their beneficiary payable to whoever they may wish to.

I would like for those who are opposed to the great innovations on our ancient landmarks to make themselves heard. The humblest member has to pay as many assessments as the most exalted, and should not be slow at a time like this in speaking their minds freely; if in no other way, take a vote in your lodges on the above propositions, adopt resolutions on the subject and send them in to our Grand Lodge in April.

Fraternally,
JAMES LEONARD, D. D. M. W.,
Recorder of Merced Lodge, No. 74.

—Occidental received a pleasant visit from Grand Master Workman Toohy on February 20th.

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Shieldisms.

—Members in good standing January 1, 1896, 350,193.

—Net gain in membership for past 12 months, 13,658.

—Net gain in membership in December, 1895, 3,212.

—Amount of Beneficiary Fund paid out in December, 1895, \$609,552.00.

—Total Beneficiary Fund disbursed in 1895 to January 1, 1896, as shown by the annual reports, \$7,251,639.80.

—Grand total Beneficiary Fund disbursed by the Order from organization to January 1, 1896, \$65,418,572.06.

—New members admitted in December, 4,612.

—Members reinstated in December, 3,723.

—Members suspended in December, 4,740.

—Members died in December, 333.

—Members withdrawn, etc., from the Order in December, 50.

—Total Relief Fund received to Feb. 1, 1896, on Call Nos. 14 and 15, including balance on hand Jan. 1, 1896, \$34,380.65. Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1896, \$34,380.65.

—December shows still better than November. We are proud of the record.

—Illinois had new applicants in December as follows: Class A, 104; B, 40; C, 63; D, 0.

—The big initiation in Detroit Lodge, No. 6, helped Michigan out in the report for December.

—Twenty-four jurisdictions show gains, eight losses. These latter are very small, the total losses being only 195.

—Grand Recorder Pickens, of Washington Jurisdiction, writes: "Over three hundred new certificates issued in January and the month not ended yet. We are not asleep."

—Michigan leads in gains with 739, Massachusetts next with 493, followed by Kansas, 303; Washington, 254; Minnesota, 253; South Dakota, 223; Ontario, 188; Delaware, 137; Oregon, 127; North Dakota, 120, and Illinois, 115. Balance making gains fall below 100.—Keystone Workman.

—The resignation of Miss Laura McCracken, Recorder of Ivy Lodge, was received with regret at the last meeting. She has been a most efficient Secretary for six consecutive terms.

—Sister Macdonald, after sojourning in Scotland for nearly a year, has returned to Oakland.

—Throughout the jurisdiction the attendance and interest at installations have been better than for a long time previous.

—Deputy Joe Kidd installed the officers of Vacaville in public; a banquet and entertainment followed.

—At Lemoore there was a joint installation, a banquet and literary programme. Many, from Hanford were present.

—Mount Hamilton Lodge of San Jose had the pleasure of a visit from Grand Lecturer Danforth last month.

—Noe Valley Lodge installed its officers in public in Duveneck Hall. There was a dance after the installation, and the large number of persons present enjoyed themselves to the utmost. During the evening the assemblage was addressed by Grand Recorder Hirshberg.

—Recorder Dupre of Dixon writes that the only break in their splendid programme was the absence of the G. M. W., who was to deliver the address.

—Golden Dawn, No. 10, D. of H., of this city, has deemed it best to surrender its charter. As will be seen, a new and larger lodge of this degree has been instituted, but it should never be forgotten that for many years Golden Dawn was the only representative of this degree in San Francisco, and to its faithful service great credit is due.

—Washington Lodge, No. 60, of this city has changed its night of meeting from Thursday to Monday, and will be pleased to welcome visitors any session. It meets at the Alcazar Building, O'Farrell street.

—M. S.—If you would read your WATCHMAN, you could easily prove that the assertion of any one that the A. O. U. W. was losing membership was false. In every issue we give the status of the Order, the number of admissions, deaths, suspensions, reinstatements, etc., for the month. The Order has made a constant and steady gain every year since it was instituted.

—The "Nebraska" Workman has changed its title to the "Golden Rod" Workman, and Seth P. Mobley, at Grand Island, takes charge as Editor and Publisher. We cannot see the logic of the change of name, for while "Nebraska" gave all to understand what jurisdiction the paper represented, "Golden Rod" certainly does not. "Workman" is a general name for many papers and to specify plainly which "Workman" it is well to precede it by the name of the jurisdiction.

—P. M. W.—The I. O. O. F., or American Odd Fellowship, is the largest fraternal society in the world. December 31st, 1894, it had 11,000 lodges, 816,000 members; and 3,600 Rebekah lodges, with 226,000 members.

—F. Tennyson Neely of 114 5th Avenue, N. Y. City, is one of those publishers who is always bringing out something that thinking and appreciative people are glad to read. Recently he published the first part of Ethan Allen's Drama of the Revolution, in which talent, history, patriotism and interest are decidedly prominent. The second part and conclusion is now ready. Send \$1.00 to the publisher for the two volumes in paper, or \$3.00 in cloth.

—Do you read the "Arena," that journal of advanced thought? that medium of the thinkers of the age? If not, get one from your book-seller, and enjoy a treat.

—The "Delaware Workman" published at Wilmington, Del., is another of those creditable journals which present the aims, objects, missions and results of the A. O. U. W. to the public, although but a new-comer in the field, it gives evidence of having at its helm those fully acquainted with the Order and zealous in its interest.

—It is sometimes aggravating to have the question asked, "What is the reason for so many assessments?" On the first page of the WATCHMAN every month is seen the reason—the list of the dead. The widows and orphans who have received over six millions of dollars in California since 1878 know why the assessments were levied. The vacant chairs in our lodge rooms also answer the question; and it is only a question of time when the beneficiaries of those who ask the question now can reply. Thank God that you are still spared to your loved ones and contribute willingly to the darkened homes of your brethren who have passed away.

—P. M. W.'s—You should call on the P. M. W. Association the first Monday evening of the month at 32 O'Farrell, and become acquainted with the Mogullians.

—The new "Silver Spray" is doing well. It is visiting and intends to visit its sisters. On the 16th, a call by a number of its members will be made on Ivy, No. 4, of Oakland.

—Magnolia Lodge, No. 41, will have an important meeting on the 2d.

—Send changes of addresses, names of new, suspended or deceased members immediately to the Grand Recorder on the special blanks printed "For the Pacific States Watchman."

—Again, a number of communications have been received too late for this issue, but as several of them relate to matters which will come before the Grand Lodge next month, they will be published next number.

Ivy to Minerva.

A large delegation of over 30 members from Ivy visited Minerva Lodge of Alameda. Grand Chief of Honor Mrs. Lovejoy, who is also an officer of the lodge, was untiring in her efforts in making the visitors feel at home. After the installation of the newly-elected officers by District Deputy Grand Chief of Honor Mrs. Pinkham, a short literary and musical programme was presented. Brother Sam Booth of Golden Dawn Lodge carried off the honors by his witty remarks and in response to a loud encore he sang an original song entitled "In 1896." Past Grand Chief of Honor Mrs. Stewart made a few remarks; Brother Nolan of Dawn of Hope gave a recitation; District Deputy Grand Chief of Honor Mrs. Pinkham made a pretty speech; Grand Receiver Mrs. Poland spoke upon the advantages to be derived by the beneficiary certificate; District Deputy Grand Chief of Honor Mrs. Cogan made a witty speech complimenting Minerva Lodge; Past Grand Chief of Honor Mrs. Stewart, on behalf of Minerva Lodge, presented the retiring Chief of Honor, Mrs. Probst, with a beautiful basket of rare exotics. A banquet followed, after which dancing was indulged in. Sisters Greenebaum and Donaldson officiated at the piano during the evening.

From the Blue Grass Region.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., February 21st, 1896.
DEAR BROTHER BARNES:—The "Old Kentucky Home" sends greeting to the Golden Gate. The A. O. U. W. is prospering here. Our Grand Lodge session which was held in this city, February 11th and 12th, made many beneficial changes. Among the laws enacted were the following:

1. Per capita tax was made \$3.00.
2. Biennial sessions were adopted.
3. A new and appropriate seal was ordered.
4. The \$1,000 certificate plan was adopted.
5. A new codification of laws was arranged.
6. Louisville was selected as the next place of meeting.

Officers were elected and installed as follows: Grand Master Workman, J. W. Baker of Paducah; Grand Foreman, S. S. Blitz of Louisville; Grand Overseer, L. S. Craig of Foster, unanimously; Grand Recorder, D. C. Kennedy, Ludlow; Grand Receiver, L. P. Young, Lexington unanimously; Grand Guide, W. B. Grant, Maysville; Grand Inside Watchman, R. H. Johnson, Madisonville; Grand Outside Watchman, H. C. Wilson, Ashland; Grand Trustees, F. F. Dressen, three years, C. K. Rogers, two years; Supreme Representatives, J. G. Walker, Louisville; Isaac Marks, Georgetown; J. W. Baker, Paducah.

Our 59 lodges with 2,026 members unite in thanks to Supreme Foreman J. W. Tate who came to our Grand Lodge and made a cheering address. He will always be welcomed in Kentucky. A better day is dawning here.

Sincerely in C. H. and P.,
THOS. D. OSBORNE, P. M. W.

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Name.

P. O. Address.

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If a gentleman, give No. of lodge.

Silver Spray, No. 3, D. of H.

In the olden time when initiations and crowded lodge rooms were the rule, and enthusiasm prevailed along the line, there came into existence Silver Spray, No. 3, D. of H., one of the best and most attractive lodges of any character in the city. Its sessions were filled with interest and true enjoyment, and how it ever lost that attraction is among the things which will remain a prob'lem, but as fraternal matters, like the tide, will have its ebb, high tide and flow, so No. 3 experienced the same, and somehow, at one time the flow prevailed, and this remarkable successful subordinate stopped business.

Gallant, zealous and untiring Golden Dawn received a number of its members, and until quite recently kept the standard floating, and then from various causes it ceased working.

But the sterling blood was still in the veins of some of the membership, and it was determined not to let the flag of the Degree of Honor remain folded in San Francisco.

Without going into particulars suffice it to say that on the evening of February 12th, a large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen were found in the spacious hall of Valley No. 30. Grand Chief of Honor Mrs. Esther Lov-joy took the chair, and Grand Recorder Mis. Poland called the roll of petitioners for a new charter, and a list of some 50 names appeared. Thirty-five of these were present, 19 of whom were to receive the degree, and 16 were former members.

A most marked and agreeable sight was the presence of some 40 visitors from Ivy Lodge, No. 4, of Oakland, who had come to lend their encouraging presence, and Minerva Lodge was also represented by some of its noted workers. The G. C. called a corps of officials around her; the visitors took the chairs and initiated the applicants in that excellent manner for which the sisters across the bay are famed. Each and all performed their duties most creditably.

Then came the election of officers of the new subordinate, and the following were selected: Mrs. F. Norman, P. C. of H.; Mrs. M. F. Hollis, C. of H.; Mrs. M. E. Ryan, L. of H.; Mrs. A. H. Terrill, C. of C.; Mrs. Blanche Murray, Recorder; Duncan S. Murray, Financier; C. E. Pinkham, Receiver; A. H. Terrill, I. W.; Sam Booth, O. W.; Walter Malloy, Ed E. Stewart, Gus Pohlmann, Trustees; Mary E. Morrison, George W. Daywalt, Medical Examiners.

These officials were installed in a manner worthy of universal commendation by Mrs. Eva Cogan, Deputy, ably seconded by Miss Maggie Ohea as Marshal.

The work lasted until it was essential for our visitors to catch the last train, when with many thanks and sincere appreciation of their love of the Order and their kindness in being present to so materially aid the new lodge, Silver Spray bid them good night and Godspeed.

Among those present taking much interest in the proceedings were Grand Recorder Hirshberg and Deputy Grand Master Workman Poland.

The new lodge starts out well, and is having initiations every meeting. It has selected Western Hall at Shiel's Building as its headquarters, and will meet on the 1st and 3d Wednesdays of the month.

Memorial at Healdsburg.

The "Tribune" says:

Memorial Day was observed by the local lodge of Healdsburg Sunday at 2 p. m., at the Christian Church. The services opened with a hymn by the choir, followed by Scripture reading; this was followed by a duett by Messrs. Waldrop and Bond. Rev. Waldrop then led in prayer. This was followed by a duett by Mrs. Hawthorne and Mrs. York.

After a few very appropriate remarks by Rev. Waldrop, Rev. Brown preached the sermon from the following Scriptures: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it." —Eph. 5-25.

The speaker said: "The religion of Christ was for the purpose of making men better here and not all to be reserved for the future. God will provide, but he expects us to do what we can to help ourselves. The man who makes some sacrifice in this life that he may provide for his family when he is gone, certainly manifests more love for them than the one who fails to make such provision. God certainly has more pleasure in seeing the wife protected for than seeing her left destitute. The object of the A. O. U. W. is to protect the family of the deceased members. Others may express their sympathy in various ways, but the A. O. U. W. expresses its sympathy for the bereaved family of the deceased brother

by paying to them two thousand dollars in cash, which will be of vastly more assistance than simple expressions of sympathy.

"The Order has been in existence 28 years and during that time has paid out more than \$60,000,000, and assisted more than 30,000 sorrowing families. If the man who sacrifices for his country deserves honor, certainly the man who sacrifices for his family deserves to be remembered. Thirty thousand of our brethren have been called away and it is fitting we should assemble together to pay our tribute of respect to their memory."

The speaker then called attention to two cases by way of illustration. One husband was a member of the Order and died, leaving a widow with two small children and a mortgage on the home. The money his family received paid off the mortgage and assisted the mother in raising her children. The other was that of a man who had been urged to become a member of the Order, but refused. In a little more than a year he died and left a widow and five small children destitute.

"The A. O. U. W. is not organized for the purpose of making money, but to provide the comforts of life for those who cannot help themselves. Every time a brother pays an assessment he has the consolation of knowing that he is assisting some brother's family. We do not point to large sums of money that have been invested as an assurance that our family will receive the amount of the policies when we are gone, but to the solemn pledge of more than \$40,000 good and true men which is all the assurance that we want."

The choir sang an anthem and the audience was dismissed by Rev. Eby.

Martha Lodge, D. of H.

FRESNO, CAL., February 17th, 1896.

DEAR BROTHER BARNES:—There has been very little said in the columns of your most valuable paper about Martha Lodge, but I am aware that is no fault of yours. We intend, in the future, to let you know we are here. I believe we once had the distinction of being the banner lodge of the State (as regards membership). I learn we are a little behind in that respect now, but we do not intend long to remain so.

We have commenced with the beginning of the new year with new officers to work with a vim, and regain that distinction.

I am satisfied the loss we have suffered in members dropping out, has been due solely to lack of funds with which to keep up their dues.

The faithful few who kept struggling on with the work now feel as though our faithfulness was being rewarded; for some of the old members have returned into the fold within the past month; others have promised to fall into the ranks at our next meeting. We also have five new applicants to be balloted for at our next meeting. We hope to close the present year with a much larger membership than the one just past.

On last Monday, the 10th inst., at our lodge room, we had a right royal time with friends and invited guests. There was a programme consisting of music and recitations, followed by dancing and games.

Ernest Bradstreet, the Athletic Club Instructor, gave an excellent exhibition of club swinging and rope skipping. At 11 o'clock refreshments were served.

As entertainers, the members of Martha Lodge are pronounced successful.

I remain yours in C. H. and P.,

ELLA CROSSMAN,
P. C. of H. of Martha Lodge, No. 39, D. of H.

How West End Did It.

ALAMEDA, February 20th, 1896.

DEAR BROTHER BARNES:—Some time ago, I mailed you a printed pamphlet concerning a team work which was inaugurated in our lodge in order to try and arouse a general enthusiasm among our members.

Our contest began August 19th and ended November 26th, lasting a period of three months (we had to add another week on account of an entertainment coming between), and from the very beginning we could see that if we did not accomplish much, we would increase the attendance at our meetings. The "Rights" would come filing in with a miniature "tomale" pinned on their lapels, and the "Lefts" would come on with a neat bow of blue ribbon suspended.

Our attendance increased from 10 and 15 to 25 and 35 members at a meeting, and by our novel entertainments every brother spent an enjoyable evening when he came to lodge. In a short time applications for membership began to show themselves, and the last eight meeting nights

of the contest, we had the J. W. and W. Degrees to confer on applicants.

Brother Barnes, I tell you we kept our M. W. busy, but he took it good-naturedly and did his work well. So on the evening of November 26th our contest came to a close, and the Recorder read off the results. It showed that the "Left" or blue ribbon men had scored 387 points and the "Rights" or tomale badges, 257; that during the period we had initiated fourteen new members and three new members had joined by card.

Never before in the history of West End Lodge has such a record been accomplished, and the good work is still being kept right on; new applications are received at nearly every meeting. It seems as if this contest gave some of our brothers a regular mania to try and bring in new candidates. You remember that the losing side had to spread a banquet for the winners, and they did it, too, with a good heart and will. Every one of us was proud of West End Lodge and in the record we had made, and the long tables were lined with jolly Workmen partaking of all the dainties set before them, and an evening was spent that will long be remembered by all who were present. Please do not think that we are going to let up now. Oh, no! We are only taking a kind of breathing spell and then will go at it again to try and beat the record of our first attempt. We are glad to see a lodge in Oakland following our example, and would like to see every Workman lodge that has a field to work in do the same. What a grand record could we show in a short time! There are surely localities much better adapted for "hustling" than Alameda, and especially West Alameda.

Brother Barnes, show this up strong in your next edition, for the WATCHMAN is a splendid medium to bring matters like these before every brother. Fraternally yours in C. H. and P.,

J. W. FINSTERBUSCH.

Members of El Cajon, No. 276,

Be at your lodge room, March 16th, 1896. Special business. You and the public are also notified that a Concert, Supper and Dance will take place on March 27th.

J. H. O'CONNELL, M. W.
B. F. JONES, A. BROWER, J. A. MCKINNON, Committee.

The P. M. W. Association

Continues its useful and enjoyable meetings. The first Mondays of the month at the Shiel's Building should be set apart by the P. M. W.'s to attend these gatherings. On the third meeting nights of the month some lodge is visited by the Association, and an address made for the entertainment of the brethren. Fairmount is to be called upon in March. Past Master Manzer of Hercules, Past Master Marston of Oakland, Past Grand Master Workman Young and others will fill the programmes for the coming two or three months at the different meetings. Brethren will profit by these sessions, and should take some pains in attending them.

29th Exposition of the Mechanics' Institute.

The Mechanics' Institute announces that its Twenty-ninth Industrial Exposition will open to the public from Tuesday, September 1st, to Saturday, October 3d, 1896, inclusive. The feature of the forthcoming Fair will be an Exposition of the Industries of California, to which end the efforts of the managers will be specially directed.

The Mechanics' Institute is and always has been the earnest exponent of "Home Industry," and the experience of the past will be joined to the energy and enterprise of the present in making this feature the controlling and predominating one in the Twenty-ninth Exposition.

Although recent Industrial Expositions have adopted rules which entail directly or indirectly heavy expenses on exhibitors by charging for space, power, etc., the Mechanics' Institute sees no reason why it should deviate from its past practice of allowing exhibitors to enter and maintain acceptable exhibits free of charge, and the Board of Trustees of the Mechanics' Institute announce that as heretofore there will be no charge for space, power, water, or general lighting, and that all exhibitors will be placed in this respect on the same plane.

—P. M. W.—Notices for lodges to their members are published free in the WATCHMAN, and a number avail themselves of the means to save expense; as this paper goes to every member, and reaches them from 4th to 6th of each month, notice for any matters is promptly conveyed to them. Copy should be here by 26th at very latest. As much earlier as possible.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPREME MASTER WORKMAN,
LAWRENCE, KANSAS, February 3d, 1896.
To the Officers and Members of the Grand and Sub-
ordinate Lodges, A. O. U. W.

GREETING—Brothers: It has been brought to my attention that various parties are sending out circulars and catalogues advertising for sale "slides" for use in Ritualistic Work, claiming to be able to supply them at reduced rates or cheap rates.

The nineteen slides prescribed are a part of the Ritualistic and Secret Work of the Order, and as such can be furnished by the Supreme Lodge only, through the Supreme Recorder, upon orders sent through the Grand Recorders of the several jurisdictions.

No person or power other than the Supreme Lodge can change, alter or modify the Ritualistic and Secret Work.

Fraternally in C. H. and P.,
Attest: Jos. E. RIGGS,
M. W. SACKETT, Supreme Master Workman.
Supreme Recorder.

OFFICIAL.

OFFICE OF GRAND CHIEF OF HONOR,
No. 2223 RAILROAD AVE., ALAMEDA,
February 1st, 1896.
To the Officers and Members of D. of H. Lodges of
California:

I extend to each and all a "Happy New Year," one that I sincerely hope and trust will be fraught with prosperity and success for the Degree in our Golden State. May we be able to congratulate each other at the close of '96 by pointing with pride to the results attained; results brought about by personal and individual efforts; no member so humble but what can exert some influence, and that influence to be limited only by the position occupied by that member, socially and fraternally. The experience of the past, however, plainly indicates that to achieve the success desired by our lodges, something more than the social feature is requisite. Many lodges have been instituted with a large charter list and the indications at the outset promised a very successful career, but the semi-annual reports show a constant decrease in membership by suspensions to the extent of from 15 to 20 at a time. At this rate it is but a question of time when the amount of money realized from the per capita tax will be inadequate to meet the absolute necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge.

Comparison with other jurisdictions show the membership in California to be in the background, and when I learn by their reports of the number who have taken advantage of the beneficiary feature, I am forced to the conclusion that that is the cause of their success, and is the tie that serves to bind them together and lessens suspensions. To that end, therefore, I make an earnest appeal to the membership of our lodges; give this matter your serious consideration.

From the number of blanks cut from the last issue of the WATCHMAN relative to this matter and sent to the Grand Recorder of the Degree of Honor, it is evident that many, not members, are deeply interested; thus showing that by a little effort on the part of the lodges their membership could be increased by those who are not only willing but anxious to take out beneficiary certificates. These blanks are being received from different sections of the State, and undoubtedly enough could be secured in many places to form new lodges, every member of which would be beneficial.

To those who have forwarded blanks above referred to, Sister Poland has acknowledged their receipt and will furnish all aid and information with a view to instituting lodges. It would thus seem inconsistent on the part of those who are already of our ranks to refuse or neglect what so many desire to do who are not members. It was this idea that prompted me to address you and to anticipate the possible results of the year's efforts alluded to in the first part of this communication.

Fraternally in C. H. and P.,
ESTHER A. LOVEJOY,
Grand Chief of Honor.

If you do not receive your paper by the 8th of the month, drop a postal card and a duplicate will be sent by return mail. Do not wait at all. Give name, lodge No. and address. If you have moved, give former address.

Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 14, has removed to the Alcazar Building, and will be pleased to welcome visitors.

Eighteen Ninety-Six.

BY SAM BOOTH.

[The following verses have been sung by their author at a number of lodge entertainments:]

A wonderful year it is going to be
In eighteen ninety-six,
And many strange things we are going to see
In eighteen ninety-six.

The papers advise us our guns to prepare,
That war will be prevalent everywhere,
And that John Bull is going to get more than his share

In eighteen ninety-six.
That eighteen ninety-six will settle his thieving tricks

For arbitration will meet the occasion
In eighteen ninety-six.

Is Germany going to whip John Bull
In eighteen ninety-six?

Will Corbett and Fitz their big fight pull
In eighteen ninety-six?

Will the dome of the new City Hall be done,
Or the Nicaragua Canal begun,

Or Cuban Independence won,

In eighteen ninety-six?

In eighteen ninety-six old Spain's in a pretty bad fix,

And Cuba free we are bound to see
In eighteen ninety-six.

The two conventions will nominate,
In eighteen ninety-six,

A Presidential candidate

In eighteen ninety-six.

Are they going to give us Tom Reed of Maine?

Will Billy McKinley be on the train?

And will Grover Cleveland run again

In eighteen ninety-six?

In eighteen ninety-six we'll have plenty of politics,

And whoever he be, better times we shall see

In eighteen ninety-six.

They say that times are on the mend

In eighteen ninety-six;

The banks have got more money to lend

In eighteen ninety-six.

The farmers will harvest good crops this year,

The miners have plenty of gold to spare,

And work will be plentiful everywhere

In eighteen ninety-six.

In eighteen ninety-six there will be a demand for bricks,

New buildings will rise whose beauty and size

Will do honor to ninety-six.

We are going to get new members in,

In eighteen ninety-six,

To run behind is a shameful sin

In eighteen ninety-six.

If every good brother will bring in one,

He will merit the praise for a deed well done,

And a glorious victory will be won

In eighteen ninety-six.

In eighteen ninety-six there'll be plenty of growls

and kicks,

But whatever be said, we are going ahead

In eighteen ninety-six.

—Many brothers and sisters visit this city during the year. A good, comfortable and moderate-priced hotel is what they wish. Past Master ED. HOLLAND of the COMMERCIAL HOTEL, Montgomery Street, keep such a hotel.

—It is said that nothing succeeds like success, and it might be added that what is worthy ought to succeed. But one thing is positive, that Brother PETER ABRAHAMSON's ventilators have succeeded, and those who use them highly commend their efficiency. Vitiated air is the bane of health, and good ventilation is the keynote of health and longevity. Call upon Brother ABRAHAMSON at No. 623 Howard st., San Francisco, or send for a circular, and be convinced that a grand success in ventilators has been attained.

JUDSON & CO., to accommodate their many patrons, now leave with their popular excursion trains from this city on TUESDAYS and from Los Angeles on MONDAYS. Call upon them at No. 19 Montgomery street, under the Lick House, if you wish a pleasant party and low fares going East.

"Where are you going to sleep when you go to San Francisco?" "Of course at the BALDWIN HOUSE, 14 and 16 Ellis street, junction Stockton, Market and Fourth. I can always get a nice room there from 35c and 50c to \$1.00." Open all night. Families accommodated.

JUST THE WAY TO TRAVEL EAST

THE JUDSON EXCURSION to Chicago and Boston in special cars, with special manager, has justly become the one popular way to travel over land. With through cars supplied with every accommodation, and attended by gentlemanly conductors, nice people for company, a trip over their delightful Scenic Route becomes a genuine pleasure.

These Judson Excursions leave San Francisco every Tuesday morning, and arrive in Kansas City at 5 p. m., Fridays; St. Louis, 7 a. m., Saturdays; Chicago at noon, Saturdays, and Boston at noon, Mondays. We take pleasure in recommending the Judson people, for every patron praises the service, and the cost is very lowest. Their office is at 19 Montgomery St. G. W. ARBUCKLE is the popular agent.

Price Reduced.

FATHER UPCHURCH'S "Life and Travels," as written by himself, contains much valuable information of the early history of the A. O. U. W., which should be in the possession of every Workman. Price reduced to 75 cents, postpaid; gilt-edged, \$1.00; gilt and morocco, \$1.50. For sale by the Grand Recorder. Also by A. T. DEWEY, Publisher, 220 Market St., S. F.

Every A. O. U. W. Lodge

Should have the lifelike, actual photograph of J. J. UPCHURCH, handsomely framed, in its hall. Size of card, 18x22 inches; sold by A. T. DEWEY, 220 Market St., for \$1.50, postpaid.

WORKMEN ATTENTION! ! !

All members of the Order, having prescriptions written by their lodge doctor and having their name and lodge written on same, can have these filled, at the rate of 25 cents each, by

WALLER BROS.

Drugists and Chemists,
Sam. L. Waller, Unity, No. 27. Julian L. Waller, Harmony, 9. Open all night.

Land Bargains.

The 480-acre improved, irrigated farm near Tulare, lately advertised in this paper, is offered at a great bargain even for those times. It is a very desirable home farm and will be sold for one-half its real value, if spoken for soon. Address A. T. DEWEY, S. F. Several other tracts of artesian belt lands offered at remarkably low prices.

Clark's Pacific Hospital.

Announced in our business columns, was established and long and popularly conducted by Dr. Asa Clark, the present able Superintendent of the State Insane Asylum, at Stockton. Clark's Hospital is still thoroughly well conducted in care of Drs. Fred and George Clark, sons of Dr. Asa Clark, and is a real boon to the afflicted who need a private, home-like infirmary for nervous mental ills.

Delays are Dangerous.—

soon as possible, write in the Name and Number of your Lodge, cut this out, go to your Financier and pay this ASSESSMENT, and get it receipted.

Lodge, No.... A. O. U. W.	\$3 00
Assessments No. 5, 6, 7.....	
Dues to.....	1896.....
Total.....	

Received payment,
March, 1896.Financier.

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{ WM. H. BARNES, EDITOR & MANAGER,
OFFICE, ST. ANN'S BUILDING.

Members of Mt. Hamilton, No. 43. Are notified that Funeral Assessments Nos. 34 add 35, aggregating \$1.00, are now payable to W.M. VINTER, Financier.

SAN JOSE, April 2d, 1896.

Members of Golden Gate Lodge, No. 8. You are hereby notified that a resolution has been adopted imposing a penalty on each and every brother, who fails within 30 days from March 19th, 1896, to place his correct address with the Recorder and Financier of his lodge.

S. J. LEVY, Recorder.

M. GLENNAN, M. W.

OFFICIAL.

GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE,
ANCIENT ORDER OF UNITED WORKMEN OF CALIF.,
SAN FRANCISCO, February 29th, 1896.
To all Subordinate Lodges, and Representatives-elect
to the Grand Lodge:

GREETING—The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., of California will be held in the City of San Francisco, commencing Tuesday, April 7th, 1896, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Grand Trustees have designated B'nai B'rith Hall, 121 Eddy street, as the place of meeting.

Representatives who have not heretofore received the Grand Lodge Degree are requested to be on hand at 9 o'clock, and bring with them a certificate as Past Master Workman for use by the Committee on Credentials.

Arrangements have been effected with the Southern Pacific Company whereby Representatives coming from points on the lines of that Company will be entitled to reduced rates of fare, as follows: Full single-trip fare to this city must be paid at the starting point. A certificate (which please read carefully) must be signed by the agent from whom the ticket is purchased at starting point; at the meeting of the Grand Lodge the certificate must be countersigned by the Grand Recorder, certifying that the holder has been in attendance at the Session, and on returning, on presentation of the certificate at the ticket office in this city, a return ticket will be sold at one-third of the regular single-trip rate.

This arrangement may be made to cover more than one ticket, provided the additional tickets are for the attendant's family.

Similar arrangements have been made with the San Francisco and North Pacific Railroad Company to all points on their lines north of San Rafael.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company will also sell return tickets from this city to the point of embarkation, at one-half the usual rates, to Representatives from places at which the steamers of the Company touch, upon the same conditions as to certificates as hereinbefore stated.

Representatives coming from points on the line of the North Pacific Coast Railroad Company can procure a 30-day round-trip excursion ticket at 25 per cent reduction from regular rates.

Representatives coming from points on the line of the Southern California Railroad Company can avail themselves of the one-third rate by obtaining from the ticket agent of the Company at the starting point a certificate issued by the Company, known as "Form No. 201," which will be countersigned by the Grand Recorder.

Any information desired, not set forth herein, will be cheerfully supplied on application.

Fraternally in C. H. and P.,

D. S. HIRSHBERG,

Grand Recorder.

On the evening of the 7th, the Grand Officers will be in the chairs, until occupied by the team. Grand Lecturer Danforth will preside. A num-

ASSESSMENT NOTICE FOR APRIL, 1896.

Whole Number of Deaths, 3,226. Whole Number of Assessments, 391.

G. L. ASSESSMENTS NOS. 8, 9 and 10.

Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., of California.

To all members of the A. O. U. W. of California in good standing April 1, 1896.

You are hereby notified of the following deaths occurring in our Order in this jurisdiction:

OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER,
SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 1, 1896.

Ast. No.	NAME.	Age.	No. Death.	Date of Admission.	Date of Death.	Date of Filing	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	CAUSE.
8	Wm. E. Meadows.....	48	62	Sept. 26, 1890	Feb. 10, 1896	Mar. 2, 1896	Myrtle.....	42	San Francisco....	Cerebral Hem.(ac.
	Bruce Canepa.....	48	63	Jan. 26, 1886	" 10, "	" 18, "	Sutter Creek.....	158	Sutter Creek....	Conges. of Lungs-.
	John McKeivey.....	63	64	July 4, 1881	" 15, "	Feb. 29,	Los Angeles.....	55	Los Angeles....	Brain Disease.
	Christian Jost.....	52	65	Sept. 5, 1879	" 17, "	" 27,	Antioch.....	37	Antioch.....	Bronco Pneum'n
	James McDermott.....	47	66	Apr. 13, 1880	" 22, "	Mar. 2,	Maxwell.....	170	Maxwell.....	Conges. of Lungs.
	Joseph Leithner.....	46	67	July 27, 1880	" 22, "	" 14,	Reading.....	72	Redding.....	Pneumonia.
	Simon Kopp.....	43	68	Feb. 4, 1884	" 23, "	Feb. 27,	Enterprise.....	17	San Jose.....	Consumpt on.
	Joseph H. Hesketh.....	64	69	May 13, 1879	" 24, "	Mar. 6,	Golden Gate.....	8	San Francisco....	Chronic Rheum.
	Michael Irwin.....	53	70	Oct. 6, 1882	" 24, "	" 12,	Oakland.....	2	Oakland.....	Bronchitis.
	Robert Buckins.....	64	71	July 3, 1879	" 25, "	Feb. 29,	Bridgeport.....	107	North San Juan....	Heart Disease.
	Jean G. Schmidt.....	66	72	June 5, 1878	" 26, "	Mar. 20,	Unity.....	27	San Francisco....	C'n'c'r of Stomach
	Charles W. Dana.....	58	73	Nov. 3, 1886	" 28, "	" 5,	Higuera.....	194	San Luis Obispo....	Paralysis.
	Jos. Schabell.....	39	74	Aug. 3, 1889	" 28, "	" 9,	Harmony.....	9	San Francisco....	Pneumonia.
	F. H. Bibns.....	45	75	Dec. 19, 1892	" 28, "	" 23,	Magnolia.....	41	do do	do
	James A. Thomas.....	63	76	Nov. 28, 1881	" 29, "	" 5,	Sonora.....	127	Sonora.....	Paralysis.
	Thomas Hehn.....	63	77	Nov. 13, 1886	Mar. 4, "	" 12,	Tulare.....	78	Tulare.....	Strct of sm'l bwls
	John H. Peters.....	63	78	Aug. 16, 1882	" 5, "	" 17,	Friendship.....	179	San Francisco....	Suicide.
	James Groves.....	57	79	Sept. 5, 1882	" 5, "	" 23,	Nor Valley.....	185	do do	Accidental.
	H. Muller.....	44	80	Feb. 6, 1883	" 5, "	" 23,	Nor Valley.....	185	do do	Tumor.
	William Taylor.....	42	81	Aug. 26, 1879	" 5, "	" 24,	Georgetown.....	121	Georgetown....	C'n'c'r of Stomach.
	John McComb.....	65	82	Apr. 29, 1878	" 7, "	" 13,	Enterprise.....	17	San Jose.....	Cirrhosis of Liver
	J. E. F. Donovan.....	57	83	Feb. 19, 1883	" 8, "	" 25,	Magnolia.....	41	San Francisco....	Heart Disease.
	Henry Muller.....	62	84	Oct. 31, 1878	" 12, "	" 19,	San Francisco....	4	do do	Consumption.
	Henry Carstens.....	61	85	July 29, 1881	" 13, "	" 24,	Jackson.....	138	Jackson.....	Heart Disease.
	Lewis W. Stark.....	60	86	Apr. 14, 1884	" 17, "	" 24,	Enterprise.....	17	San Jose.....	Hem'ge of Rws

The above necessitates levying ASSESSMENTS Nos. 8 and 10, amounting to THREE DOLLARS which must be paid to the Financier of your Lodge on or before April 28, 1896, otherwise your beneficiary certificate will stand suspended. (G. L. Const., Sec. 42, Sub-division S.)

Fraternally in C. H. and P.,

D. S. HIRSHBERG,

Grand Recorder.

Approved

WILLIAM BRODEBOK,
THOMAS W. BETHELL, } Finance Committee.
E. J. FENNIN,

ber of bona fide candidates will be initiated, and the illustrated work will be presented. The two degrees will be given.

Later in the evening, the Mogullian conclave will "huddle," and that Knightly Degree will be conferred. An enjoyable feast is coming.

To Deputy Grand Master Poland are all indebted for the admirable arrangements.

Grand Lodge Degree of Honor.

The Fourth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., of California, will convene in Masonic Hall, B'nai B'rith Building, No. 121 Eddy St, San Francisco, commencing Thursday, April 9th, at 9 o'clock, A. M., instead of 10 o'clock, as formerly.

First in the order of business will be the conferring of the Grand Lodge Degree on those who have not heretofore received it; and the work of the Committee on Credentials will be greatly facilitated by the prompt attendance of the representatives and Past Chiefs of Honor who desire admission, and who are earnestly requested to be present at 8:30 o'clock, provided with their certificates.

The lodges of San Francisco, Oakland and Alameda have arranged an entertainment for Thursday evening, which will be given in Laurel Hall, No. 32, O'Farrell St.

The entertainment on the evening of the 9th is for members of the D. H. only.

—The Fresno "Expositor" says: "At a meeting of Fresno Lodge, No. 171, it was decided that on the second Tuesday in March, and on the same date each year hereafter, they would devote that day, as Arbor Day, to improving the cemetery. The lodge proposes to plant acacia trees along the avenues of the plot, and all the members were requested to bring trees, which will be the first arbor day for them. Why not churches and other societies go and do likewise?"

Public Meeting and Presentation in District No. 2.

The lodges of District No. 2 had a successful public meeting in Excelsior Hall on Saturday evening, March 21st. The objects of the meeting were twofold, the first being for the general good of the Order, and the second, to pay a tribute of deserved and well-earned respect to Brother William Hanson, the retiring Grand Deputy of the District. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the hall was well filled by representatives of the four lodges of the district, their families and friends. The programme was as follows: Overture by the Orchestra; fifteen minutes with William H. Barnes, P. G. M. W.; song by Miss Virdie Gilmore; recitation by Walter Malloy, P. M. W.; song by Chas. H. Van Orden. The songs were so well rendered and so well received as to demand encores. Other numbers on the programme failing to materialize, Brother Sam Booth, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, and who acted as master of ceremonies, filled in the time with "Some Remarks on Boodle," interspersed with appropriate and original songs. Brother Booth then called Deputy Grand Master Wm. Hanson to the platform and after a brief complimentary address in which he lauded him for the untiring zeal and energy he had displayed during his term of office, he presented him in the name of the four lodges of the district—Excelsior, No. 126, Bay View, No. 159, Eureka Valley, No. 252, and Fairmount, No. 247—with a handsome solid gold emblematic badge, beautifully enamelled and suitably inscribed. Brother Hanson made a brief response, thanking the lodges for the beautiful gift, and especially for the esteem and confidence of which it would be to him a continued reminder. This concluded the programme. The chairs were removed, and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

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PACIFIC STATES WATCHMAN.

One of Ivy's Evenings.

No subordinate in any jurisdiction is doing any more to keep the A. O. U. W. prominently before the public and to infuse enthusiasm throughout the membership generally than enterpriseing No. 4. The Oakland "Tribune" of March 26th, says:

The pretty little hall in which Ivy Lodge, No. 4. Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., met last Monday evening, was resplendent with evergreens and beautiful flowers, artistically arranged by the deft fingers of the fair sisters. This foresight was in honor of the expected visit from Silver Spray Lodge, No. 3, Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., of San Francisco. The delegation from that lodge was, for some unaccountable reason, somewhat small, but what it lacked in numbers it made up by the fact that the grand orator of the Order, William H. Barnes, who is a member of Silver Spray, was present, and gave an address full of true fraternal advice and eloquence.

Brother Barnes paid Ivy Lodge a most graceful and highly flattering compliment on its general efficiency and good work in the interests of the Degree of Honor. His advocacy of the beneficiary certificate evidently made a decided impression as several members have already declared their intention of applying for a certificate.

Grand Chief of Honor Mrs. Lovejoy having been announced in waiting, she was received with the honors due her exalted station.

Grand Recorder Mrs. Poland, Grand Receiver Miss O'Hea and Grand Usher Mrs. Harris were also present.

Brother Logan of Silver Star Lodge, Temescal, spoke a few pleasant words.

Sister Sturrock made a few eloquent remarks.

The following excellent programme having been prepared in honor of the visiting members, Ivy Lodge adjourned early: Piano duett, Sisters Stewart and Devers; recitation, "The bridge," Miss Josie Butler; humorous song, Brother Barnes; piano duett, Misses Greenebaum and Oakes; comic reading, "The Irish Schoolmaster," Past Chief of Honor Mrs. Marks.

Grand Master Workman William M. Colvig of Oregon, having been noticed among the audience, was requested to make a few remarks, which he did in a most eloquent manner.

The literary and musical portion of the entertainment was concluded by a three-act farce entitled "The Masterpiece." The different characters were impersonated by Past Chief of Honor Mrs. Wood as "Mrs. Curtis," the mother; Sister Carr as "Nellie," the daughter; Brother Hall as "George" (in love with Nellie), and Brother Isaacs as "Juliette Cinderella Angelina Jones," a lady of color.

The staging of the piece, under the artistic hands of Brother A. A. Wood, was excellent. Sister Greenebaum and Donald and Eddie Macdonald officiated as the orchestra in a very able and delightful manner, their several renditions between the acts being greatly enjoyed.

The banquet which followed was done full justice to.

Too much praise cannot be extended to the Committee of Arrangements, comprising Sisters Jacobson, Stewart, Devers, Butler, Greenebaum, Macdonald and Marks, for the splendid evening's amusement.

From Martha Lodge, No. 39.

EDITOR PACIFIC STATES WATCHMAN:—On the 17th inst., our Grand Chief of Honor Sister Lovejoy of Minerva, No. 33, made an official visit which proved highly beneficial to our lodge in several ways, and all considered it one of the most enjoyable occasions on which we have ever met.

The sisters of the Degree had invited all A. O. U. W. brothers and their families to join with us (after lodge closed) in having a real social time; all present seemed to enjoy the occasion.

Sister Lovejoy gave a pleasing, as well as instructive talk to all present, particularly as regards the beneficiary feature of our Order, urging those who now belong to the Degree of Honor to at once take steps to become a beneficiary member, as that would be apt to induce new members to take out a beneficiary certificate immediately after joining. During the evening five application blanks for membership were filled out.

The Reception Committee endeavored to make each and every one acquainted with one another, and to make them feel as though all present were of one family. Each one expressed themselves as being glad to be present.

As had been previously arranged, promptly at 11 o'clock, all present were asked to take partners for the grand march. F. G. Hilton of Yosemite

Lodge, A. O. U. W., and Sister Lovejoy, Grand Chief of Honor, led the march, and at a proper signal the banquet room door was thrown open, and all marched in to partake of an elegant repast prepared by the ladies of the Degree. Immediately after supper all joined in the "Virginia Reel," after which the pianist played "Home Sweet Home." All departed wishing the Degree of Honor the prosperity it so richly deserves.

The following afternoon, quite a number of the sisters and brothers escorted the Grand Chief of Honor for a drive through the colonies and vineyards. All enjoyed the ride, and though a little tired they gave Sister Lovejoy a surprise in the evening at the hotel where she was staying. The evening was pleasantly spent in conversation and games, after which a lunch was served, every one wishing the G. C. of H. could be with us once a month at least. Yours in C. H. and P.

ELLA CROSSMAN,
P. C. of H. of Martha Lodge, No. 39, D. of H.

From Magnolia No. 34, D. of H.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., March 23d, 1896.

DEAR BROTHER BARNES:—Owing to sickness in the family and a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism on my part which crippled my hands so that I was unable to use the pen, I was not heard from last month. Feeling some better and "very happy," I will try and say a few words. We are all "very happy" down here because we are granted the pleasure of the company of the Grand Chief of Honor of the Degree of Honor of the State of California. What greater honor could we ask to be conferred upon us than to have her here with us. This fraternal visit from the Grand Chief of Honor among the Southern Degree of Honor lodges will bring about a better feeling. We are just delighted to see her, and have her visit us.

She has inspected Magnolia, No. 34, Crown of the Valley, No. 47, of Pasadena, and will visit Angel City, No. 49, this evening. On her way down from the Bay City she visited the Fresno D. of H.

We feel encouraged by her, and think that we will reap great benefits from her visit here.

You will see a number of familiar faces from the South at that time, "mine" among the rest.

Hoping that every success will attend you and yours, Fraternally in C. H. and P.

EVA G. BOOTH,
Cor. Sec. Magnolia Lodge, No. 34, D. of H.

Brother Marston at Fairmount.

Past Master Workman Marston, of Oakland, repeated his lecture on "Canada," under the auspices of the Past Masters' Association, in the hall of Fairmount Lodge, No. 247, on Tuesday evening, March 24th. Besides a large number of Past Masters, there were delegations from all the lodges in the vicinity. Brother E. F. Joy, President of the P. M. Association, occupied the chair. The lecture is a most instructive one, and was listened to with marked attention. Short addresses were also made by Brothers Hanson of Excelsior, Crowley of Noe Valley and Daywalt of Unity lodges, and the proceedings were interspersed with songs by Brother Scott of Noe Valley and Brother Sam Booth of Excelsior. The meeting was largely attended and a gratifying success.

—We congratulate Brother J. C. Gallagher on his arrival at the Grand Master Workman's chair of the largest jurisdiction of the Order. His zeal, ability and indomitable energy pointed him out to us in days gone by as one who was certain, if he lived, to make his mark high on the scroll of fraternal fame. We remember well his untiring courtesies, and those of Farren and others, on a trip to New Haven, Meriden, and other points in Connecticut. May continued prosperity crown the labors of the gallant men of the New England States.

—P. M. W.—Your clipping received. The publication it is taken from has never had any hesitancy in making false statements against all fraternal orders. It is noted for its want of either veracity or honesty. Take any number of the WATCHMAN, and under the head of "Shieldisms" is given the work of the month and of the last 12 months. No fuller or more complete refutation can be made to the false assertion "that the A. O. U. W. is losing ground." Every Workman can prove by the figures given in every WATCHMAN that the A. O. U. W. has steadily increased from its beginning up to date, and that its record of the past 27 years is the most commendable and marvellous history of successful, practical, fraternal benevolence the world has ever known.

Grand Lodge of California, A. O. U. W.

Offices—Flood Building, 4th and Market St., San Francisco. D. J. Toohy, S. F., G. M. W.; Wm. Vinter, San Jose, G. F., A. F. Mackey, Los Angeles, G. O.; D. S. Hirshberg, S. F., Grand Recorder; Samuel Booth, S. F., Grand Receiver. Next session will be held the first Tuesday in April, 1896, in San Francisco.

Receipts and Disbursements.

BENEFICIARY FUND.

	Dr.
Balance on hand, February, 1896.....	\$ 712 30
Amount received during January, 1896.....	31,551 00
Amount received from Supreme Lodge.....	18,000 00
Total	<u>\$50,263 30</u>

By Warrants Issued.

No. 5,214, Beneficiary, Claus Schwartz.....	\$ 2,000 00
" 5,215, " W. W. Prugh.....	2,000 00
" 5,216, " J. F. Schwarting.....	2,000 00
" 5,217, " Maurice O'Connell.....	2,000 00
" 5,218, " William Kuhland.....	2,000 00
" 5,219, " William C. Smith.....	2,000 00
" 5,220, " William D. Johnson.....	2,000 00
" 5,221, " R. F. Rolson.....	2,000 00
" 5,222, " Chas. H. Shattuck.....	2,000 00
" 5,223, " Jared C. Jencks.....	2,000 00
" 5,224, " Allen T. Bartlett.....	2,000 00
" 5,225, " John N. Moore	2,000 00
" 5,226, " William Brandon	2,000 00
" 5,227, " Martin Dryer	500 00
" 5,228, " Martin Dryer	525 00
" 5,229, " Martin Dryer	325 00
" 5,230, " Martin Dryer	325 00
" 5,231, " Martin Dryer	325 00
" 5,232, " Jerome B. York.....	2,000 00
" 5,233, " Joseph H. Gaddis.....	2,000 00
" 5,234, " Allen Presley	2,000 00
" 5,235, " William Heron.....	2,000 00
" 5,236, " Jacob Jepson	2,000 00
" 5,237, " Desire Lethie.....	2,000 00
" 5,238, " Gilman Wright.....	2,000 00
" 5,239, " Duncan Robertson.....	2,000 00
" 5,240, " Chas. W. Humphreys.....	2,000 00
" 5,241, " Perley Brown.....	2,000 00
" 5,242, " Nicholas Salazar.....	2,000 00
Total Disbursements.....	<u>\$50,000 00</u>

Balance on hand..... \$ 263 30

GENERAL FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand February 1, 1896	\$ 5,662 41
Received during February, 1896.....	2,440 00
Total	<u>\$ 8,002 41</u>

Warrants Issued.

No. 1,217, Expense, Pacific T. & T. Co.....	6 50
" 1,248, Expense, R. H. Variel	40 00
" 1,249, Expense, J. N. Young.....	136 60
" 1,250, Transfer, Colusa Lodge, No. 66.....	81 00
" 1,251, Transfer, Ventura Lodge, No. 173.....	14 60
" 1,252, Insurance, Palatine Insurance Co.....	18 00
" 1,253, Attorney's Fees, D. J. Toohy.....	50 00
" 1,254, Expense, Pacific States Watchman.....	345 83
" 1,255, Expense, J. L. Mayon.....	15 70
" 1,256, Expense, W. T. Thompson.....	3 25
" 1,257, Contingent, Postage.....	42 50
" 1,257, Contingent, Sundries	2 90
" 1,257, Contingent, Supplies	4 00
" 1,258, Expressage, Wells, Fargo & Co.....	21 24
" 1,259, Stationery, Le Conit Bros.....	4 50
" 1,260, Supplies, Payot, Upham & Co.....	17 80
" 1,261, Expense, M. Rice.....	35 00
" 1,262, Expense, John Henderson.....	3 00
" 1,263, Expense, W. W. Hanks	10 50
" 1,264, Janitor, W. W. Butler	7 00
" 1,265, Printing, Commercial Publishing Co ..	52 75
" 1,266, Rent, L. C. Fraser.....	60 00
" 1,267, Salary, J. O. Lovejoy, G. T.....	25 00
" 1,267, Expense, J. O. Lovejoy, G. T.....	20 00
" 1,268, Salary, P. Abrahamson, G. T.....	25 00
" 1,269, Expense, H. J. Norton, G. T.....	7 50
" 1,269, Salary, H. J. Norton, G. T.....	25 00
" 1,270, Expense, F. Adams.....	100 00
" 1,271, Expense, E. O. Webb	25 00
" 1,272, Salary, Samuel Booth	50 00
" 1,273, Salary, D. S. Hirshberg	316 66
" 1,274, Per Capita Tax Supreme Lodge	1,242 64
Total Disbursements.....	<u>\$ 2,809 47</u>

Balance on hand..... \$ 5,192 94

RELIEF FUND.

Received during February, 1896..... 236 00
Warrant No. 31..... 45 60

Balance on hand..... \$ 190 40

TOTAL BALANCES ON HAND MARCH 1, 1896.

In Beneficiary Fund.....	\$ 263 30
In General Fund.....	5,192 94
In Relief Fund	190 40

Grand Total..... \$ 5,646 64

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10, 1896.

We, your Finance Committee, have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Recorder and Grand Receiver and find the same to agree and are correct.

WILLIAM BRODERICK,
THOS. W. BETHELL, } Finance
E. J. FENNIN, } Committee.

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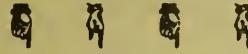
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Matters for Consideration.

The Grand Lodge of California will convene on the 7th in this city, and will have before it the welfare and onward progress of this great fraternity in this jurisdiction.

Every reflecting worker admits, without argument, that the cause is not progressing as rapidly or as satisfactorily as its merits demands, or the field is capable of, and therefore men are coming to this session to earnestly legislate for the up-building of the Order and to advance its standard.

For some years past there have been those who have been urging "economy," "retrenchment," and kindred ideas, and much valuable time has been taken up with hobbies of this description, which have resulted in nothing, simply because measures proposed were neither wise or economical.

This jurisdiction now pays a very small per capita tax, not one-third of what it costs some of its sisters, and its entire system is managed at reasonable figures in comparison with the great business it transacts.

Whenever any money is expended for which there is not any proper use, service or result, then to cease such an expenditure is not only economy, but common sense, but in the expenditure of moneys in California from the inception of the Order to date, we do not see in any of the reports of the Grand Trustees, and we have examined every one of them, a single item that in past history can fairly and honestly be termed "useless" or extravagant.

As an Order grows older, beneficiaries of suspended members will, at the death of said members, harrass the Order, and for the past two or three years, suits of various kinds have been originated against fraternities like ours, with the hopes of finding a court or jury that will give a verdict against us. Whether one is right or wrong, if sued, the case must be defended, and hence legal service and counsel are necessary, and the wisdom, or otherwise, of a regular counsel for the Grand Lodge is a matter to be considered.

It will be conceded that a steady ingress of new members is essential to an Order, else it becomes aged and feeble. New members must come from those now outside of the Order—the public. And we must reach that public and present the advantages of this great fraternity. No better way has yet been devised than the open public entertaining mass meeting. It was the keynote of success in the years gone by in this State, and when its regular practice ceased, it marked the beginning of apathy and indifference all along the line. The holding of public meetings, distribution of literature, and the following up by individual effort are to-day the factors in the prospering jurisdictions.

The \$1,000 certificate, wherever introduced, has proved successful. In the great initiation recently at Detroit, Michigan, four-fifths of the new members took the \$1,000 certificate. In a recent initiation at Ann Harbor in the same jurisdiction of 180 candidates, 161 took the \$1,000.

The cost of holding a Grand Lodge Session is between \$5,000 and \$6,000, and whether for purposes of field work and progress, it might be of advantage to omit one session, and instead hold grand meetings all over the State, put depots to work, etc., with a portion of the money, are matters for consideration.

Work must be done, and in the selection of officials, it behoves this Grand Lodge to make no mistake. But officials cannot do everything. There must also be an awakening and pledging of the members themselves.

The next session of the Supreme Lodge will have before it some most radical propositions and changes.

Among these will be propositions to establish a "Reserve or Emergency Fund," "Beneficiary Certificates from \$500 to \$3,000," "Admission of women to full membership," "Reducing the minimum age to 18 years," "Restoring the age limit to the original standard—over 21 and under 50 years," "Providing that a member who has no blood relative, kin, or dependent, may make his certificate payable otherwise," "Graded Assessments," etc.

The Grand Lodge of California heretofore has expressed itself upon some of these points, but they have all to be considered, and it should place itself unmistakably on record in regard to all of them.

In 1896, the maximum assessment rates for all jurisdictions are again to be fixed by the Supreme Lodge. Now, the highest that any can pay is 30, and the lowest is 16.

The rule for fixing assessments is to take the average death rate of the jurisdictions for the preceding five years, and add 25 per cent.

Some of the jurisdictions which are prospering, having expended their time and money freely, and having been called upon regularly to pay moneys to jurisdictions which have not spent their money to increase, but have seemed decidedly indifferent and lethargic—are enquiring "what is the matter?" "why is not work done, as we have to work?" etc., and it is no secret that they look at California with some surprise and questioning.

They are willing to help those jurisdictions which help themselves, but there is a decided and strong sentiment adverse to aiding those who do not show some activity and effort.

Brethren, a united, harmonious and energetic effort is imperative.

If Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, and other States, could, in addition to a per capita for necessary expenses, contribute a per capita of \$2 and \$3 annually for "extension," California certainly can raise what is necessary for a successful campaign.

Last year, owing to the enormous extra expense of holding the session at Los Angeles, the per capita was \$1.60, but our Southern brethren were entitled to a session of the Grand Lodge by their fraternal work, and it cost but a trifle each extra after all.

A trifle each this year will give a good working fund, and it is imperatively demanded. Brother Vinter is a practical worker, and will devote time and energy.

Raise the requisite moneys. Let its distribution for proper purposes, localities, etc., be placed under the control of a board of our competent officials.

Select those points where the population is increasing. Let the people of California know what the A. O. U. W. has done, and what it is, and another year will prove that we have been mistaken in not commencing such work long ago.

That the session may be filled with fraternity and harmony, and that all may unite as one man to work for the prosperity of the A. O. U. W. in California is our sincere and earnest prayer.

—A Beneficiary Certificate in a fraternal order is not property and cannot be pledged as collateral or security for a loan. Here is a case in instance: A member of the Order in East Tennessee when he joined had his B. C. made payable to his children, his wife being dead. Some time afterward he borrowed from his sister \$2,000, and as security took his B. C. to his lodge and had it changed so as to be made payable to his sister. Before he had paid back the money he died. The sister presented the B. C. to the lodge and stated her claim. The children of deceased filed their claim in court, and the Grand Lodge had no other alternative than to file an inter-pleader and pay the money over to the court. The case will undoubtedly be decided in accordance with the Beneficiary Law of the Order, which will give it to the children as the proper legatees, or beneficiaries.—Tenn. Workman.

The Watchman.

In answer to some queries, we give the following:

1. No charge has ever been made to any lodge for publishing a notice to its members, nor has any charge ever been made for publishing a "Situation Wanted" for a brother; all official matters of Grand Lodge or Grand Officers are also published free.

2. Five copies of the WATCHMAN are furnished free to every Degree of Honor lodge in California, and all official notices of said degree, and other notices, published without charge.

3. THE WATCHMAN is sent to the officers and committees of the Supreme Lodge, Grand Recorders, and to all publications of the Order free.

4. The highest number of copies of the WATCHMAN ever printed was 21,000; the smallest number ever printed in any one month was 18,000. It is necessary to print at least 1,000 copies more than there are members, to send the copies alluded to above, to provide for possible loss of packages in the mail, and to send copies to those who change their address during the month; the latter average 250 per month.

5. The saving to the 216 subordinate lodges of California by having the WATCHMAN sent to the members, instead of each lodge printing its own postal cards or circulars, and sending them out as was the old custom, is over \$1,200 per year cash, beside all of the trouble. In addition to this, members are notified several days earlier than by the old method.

6. The publication of the "assessment" in the WATCHMAN, by constitutional enactment, makes what is recognized by law as "a legal notice." Hence, in California, since the present practice, there have been no pleas of "failure to receive notice of assessment," and no claims for beneficiary moneys based upon "failure to receive," etc., and this one item has saved this jurisdiction every year from litigation and verdicts which would have cost much more than the paper.

7. The postal law requires a 1-cent stamp to be placed on every paper that is delivered by carriers in the city where published, which is the reason yours is so stamped.

8. The WATCHMAN is no expense whatever to the Grand Lodge, as such; it is paid for in the per capita tax of the lodges. It is not one penny in money, one way or the other, to the Grand Lodge. When there was no official organ, then there was that much less per capita tax paid by the lodges, as they each prepared their own assessment notices by postals or circulars, and sent them out. But as a correspondent writes: "As we get a paper, instead of a cold formal postal card, and it costs much less money than the postal-card system; and it is a legal notice under State laws, which a postal or circular is not; and as we get information what is being done throughout the National Jurisdiction, and can thus hear from our sister lodges and about the Degree of Honor, and other matters of interest—I desire to again say that when California followed the example of other jurisdictions and selected an official organ, it conferred a great practical benefit upon every member at home and abroad."

We have written the above as desired, and to give the facts regarding the paper; as any practical printer can readily perceive, it is not, nor has ever been, a matter of pecuniary compensation which induced the editor of the WATCHMAN to urge upon his jurisdiction the value and advantage of an official journal and to publish and edit the same. If the \$346.00 monthly paid for the WATCHMAN were subject to no expense, the income would be a good one, but such things as paper, press-work, rent, composition, directing wrappers, folding, mailing and postage (the latter itself nearly one-quarter of the receipts), to say nothing of the attention and possible ability needed to direct the business, all have to be paid for out of these receipts.

—G. S.—We cannot see the value or propriety of reflecting upon other fraternities, or upon other jurisdictions of our own Order. While we may not agree with the propositions for graded assessments, reserve fund, etc., we certainly have no right to question the honesty or fraternal integrity of those who do favor such.

When you have read your WATCHMAN, hand it to some friend who is not a member of the Order. There are thousands of eligible men in California who have no idea of the strength and results of the A. O. U. W.

—The \$1,000 certificate is proving a success wherever it has been adopted.

Memoriam Resolutions.

Every week memoriam resolutions are received from lodges with a request to publish, and some say "send bill for same," etc. Some time ago, after consultation with the Grand Officers, THE WATCHMAN published a notice that it was deemed best in view of the necessary sameness of these tributes of respect, and their being of almost entire local interest, save in notable exceptions—and also in view of the fact that if they were published for one, they should be for all, as each were equally entitled to respect—that to give offence to none and treat all alike—that it was inexpedient to publish such resolutions, and for a long time none have been published.

It can be readily seen from the assessment table last month, in which 29 deaths were reported, that to give even a moderate space to the resolutions, etc., which appropriately were published in the local papers where the deceased formerly resided, would occupy a very large space in the WATCHMAN, and it would be a class of matter very similar in its construction, and not acceptable to the large majority.

Therefore, the Grand Officers advised the course which has been pursued, and it is now the general rule of all fraternal journals.

They would be published just as willingly free, as if paid for, but we believe our brethren at large will admit the consistency of the position and take no offence because of same.

The sympathy of the entire Order goes out to the bereaved family of every brother who is "called away." The fact that he is on the assessment roll evidences that he was a Workman, that he loved the dear ones God had given him, and that he was willing to give his time and his means during his life to protect and provide for others, so that when the Death Angel summoned him from life's labor, his wife and children might have raised above their heads the protecting shield of the A. O. U. W.

Brother Tibbitt's Suggestion.

EDITOR PACIFIC STATES WATCHMAN:—*Dear Sir and Brother:* Believing the time has come when the expenses attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge should be curtailed, would suggest some action be taken at the coming session to attain that end.

Knowing from experience, and I think the same will be admitted by all who have attended its sessions, that all the legislation enacted at any session of the Grand Lodge is done by, at most, 50 members, outside of Grand Lodge Officers and Committees; and if such is the case, why the necessity of electing one or more representatives from each lodge, making a total of about 400 members to transact the business that is done by, at most, 50 members.

To recommend any legislation to that end, the writer is well aware of the fact that it will be impossible to please every one or every lodge; but lodge matters, as well as everything else, must be looked upon, and done from a business standpoint, and while the method proposed does not affect the cities of San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, San Jose, Stockton or Los Angeles, in the matter of expense to the Grand Lodge, it does affect such lodges as those situated in small towns as, for instance, Alturas, in Modoc county, Weaverville in Trinity county, Sissons in Shasta county, Meridian in Sutter county, Maxwell in Colusa county, Lincoln in Placer county, San Luis Obispo and Ventura in the same county, San Fernando in Los Angeles county, or El Cajon in San Diego county.

Yet the expense to the Grand Lodge from a lodge with 25 to 50 members, at a distance from 300 to 500 miles, is a great deal more than a lodge with 200 to 500 members, because the lodge with a large membership is only allowed the mileage and per diem of one member, the same as the lodge with the smallest membership, from the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Therefore, would it not be reasonable to ask the small lodges in the country to assist us in materially reducing these expense? The answer would be yes, provided you will give us representation.

Then as to the best method of representation. There must be a general revision in some parts of the Grand Lodge Constitution, and I would suggest the following as a solution:

First, let every county be represented in the Grand Lodge, no matter what its membership.

Second, let us take the several districts in each county and place the aggregate number of members in the district altogether, and allow one representative for each 100 members in the district instead of one member for each lodge of 50

members or fraction thereof; and where there are more lodges than delegates in such district, let the representative from that district cast as many votes as the number of lodges he represents. In this manner every lodge is represented in all legislation, and the smallest will contribute to materially lessen the expenses of the Grand Lodge.

Another amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution that would be of material benefit would be to postpone the election of officers until all the work of the Grand Lodge has been completed. There would then be no interruption in the business until all the work was done. It would have a tendency to make all the members stay at the meeting and assist in transacting the business. But now the Grand Lodge has only fairly got to work before the time for election, and as soon as election is over the members commence to leave; and the result is, as stated in the beginning of this letter, that 50 members, outside of the Grand Lodge Officers and committees, do all the legislation for the Grand Lodge of this State, with its 16,000. Fraternally,

J. M. TIBBETTS, P. M. W.,
East Los Angeles Lodge, No. 230.

Good Words from a Worker.

SAN DIEGO, March 18th, 1896.

EDITOR WATCHMAN:—I feel like congratulating you and your most excellent paper. I do not see how our Order got along before it had an official organ, as it certainly does more to "spread the Gospel of Fraternity" than all other agencies combined.

The "Massachusetts' Plan," as published in your last issue, has been most favorably commented upon by many of our best workers, both in and out of the lodge. Many of its features are most commendable, and I hope that our lodge workers in general will heed its most excellent advice, as we must adopt any and all honorable methods to keep our noble Order in the front of fraternal protective orders, of which it has the proud honor of being the Parent Order.

Indeed, your last issue contains an unusual amount of encouraging news from various lodges. This is the more gratifying considering the hard times. Some one will say that is the very time when all good men should make some provision for their loved ones. True, but then many of them cannot make enough to keep them well fed and clothed; hence I say that we are doing remarkably well under the circumstances, and should take new courage.

Our three lodges, Point Loma, Silver Gate and El Cajon, are earnest and enthusiastic in their work in the good cause. Point Loma is having quite a boom of late, and I am sure we all rejoice in their success to which ever of the three lodges we belong. Their officers are working hard and are determined to keep in the lead, and we all say, "God speed you," as your success will add to the benefit of all members of our glorious jurisdiction.

Brothers Magley, Chanter and McFadden, our representatives-elect to the Grand Lodge, are exceptionally good and earnest workers in their respective lodges, and I feel certain they will work earnestly and faithfully by their voice and vote to promote its grand work. Our lodges never fail to extend a helping hand to all Workmen from any portion of the United States, whenever needed, and we have had many appreciative communications from a distance in every case.

Your contributor was one of the organizers of the Order in "Old Kentucky" about 23 years ago, and hopes to live yet a good many years to do his mite in the grand work of "Charity, Hope and Protection" of our noble Order.

Fraternally,
JOHN KASTLE.

—Father Upchurch, the Founder of the A. O. U. W., was elected as the first Supreme Master Workman at the organization of the Supreme Lodge at Cincinnati, O., February 11th, 1873. In 1876 he became so poor that he could not pay his assessments and dues in the Order and was suspended for non-payment. He was then living in Missouri. But Brothers McNair, Babst, Dugan and Myers of Pennsylvania, learning the facts, promptly advanced the money and had him reinstated in the Order. Since then many thousands of the members of the A. O. U. W. having become suspended by reason of non-payment of assessments and dues, have been reinstated by their fellow members advancing the amount due. This is a noble feature of the fraternity of the A. O. U. W. and one of the strongest links in the brotherhood.

Is the A. O. U. W. a Fraternity or an Insurance Company?

Brother D. C. Herrin of Oregon says:

During the panic of 1894 we all remember reading of carloads of provisions and seed grain sent from this and other States into the drouth-stricken State of Nebraska. When the members of the A. O. U. W. in the Order at large read of the suffering of the Nebraska people, they thought at once of their brothers in Nebraska. To think with a Workman is to act, and contributions began to pour into the Nebraska Grand Lodge, for relief of members of the A. O. U. W. When the contributions had ceased to pour in, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska reported \$23,195.82. Is this fraternity or insurance? What insurance company would do this for the people who furnish the money for it to do business?

Fortified with friendship and charity, the principle of protection is solved. A Workman cannot suffer honest poverty without alleviation. If his hand is paralyzed at its toil, he is maintained until his muscles grow strong, and this does not come in grudging charity; it is his right. His wife and children are not driven into the street to beg while he is sick; the dignity of his manhood is spared such humiliation. In his old age he is not driven to the almshouse; he is a man to the last. He does not die alone; brothers stand by in the final hour, and half the bitterness of death is forgotten in the thought that brothers will follow him to the grave; that his widow will be cared for and his orphans protected.

Is it any wonder that the Order has grown, and that to-day it stands the largest and strongest fraternal beneficial society in the world. The yellow fever of the South and the gripe of the North, and the panic of '94, have all beaten up against this solid wall of living rock, and when the clouds had rolled away the world witnessed the greatest spectacle of the nineteenth century—an army of 350,000 men, banded together for mutual aid and protection. *Alterum Alterius auxilio egit.* (The one needs the assistance of the other.)

—The first lawyer admitted to membership in the fraternal A. O. U. W. was Samuel B. Myers, who joined Franklin Lodge, No. 3, located at Franklin, Pa., as a charter member in 1870. He was rapidly promoted in office from P. M. W. to G. M. W., and was elected S. M. W. in 1876. He was, at all times, an earnest worker in the fraternity, and was a safe conservative advisor. Curiously enough, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of which he was a member (there was no Supreme Lodge at that date), in session at Meadville, in July 1871, passed a resolution declaring lawyers to be ineligible to membership. This was repealed January 1871. Brother Samuel B. Myers died in November, 1895.

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—Members in good standing February 1, 1896, 351,983.

—Net gain in membership for past 12 months, 14,298.

—Net gain in membership in January, 1896, 1,787.

—Amount of Beneficiary Fund paid out in January, 1896, \$518,501.00.

—Total Beneficiary Fund disbursed in 1895 to January 1, 1896, as shown by the monthly reports, \$7,251,639.80.

—Grand total Beneficiary Fund disbursed by the Order from organization to February 1, 1896, \$65,937,073.06.

—New members admitted in January, 3,880.

—Members reinstated in January, 3,311.

—Members suspended in January, 5,060.

—Members died in January, 284.

—Members withdrawn, etc., from the Order in January, 60.

—Total Relief Fund received to March 1, 1896, on Call No. 16, including balance on hand Jan. 1, 1896, \$275,327.51. Amount disbursed, \$271,000.00. Balance on hand March 1, 1896, \$4,827.51.

—Another good month of progress to our credit.

Resolutions of separation presented to the Grand Lodge of Ontario did not pass.

—The Fraternal Congress Uniform Bill is pending before the legislatures of Ohio and Iowa.—Keystone Workman.

—We notice in the "Montana Workman" a little screed we wrote at a water melon party in Missouri two or three years ago. It is headed "A Glorious Cause," and credited to the "Oregon Reporter." The fact is, the "St. Louis Overseer" thought enough of the little impromptu to publish the same, and ought to have the newspaper credit of it.

—We are always pleased to receive from our sisters and brothers items of interest connected with their lodges, and other matters relating to the Order.

—The Becker case in Nevada has been causing considerable comment for some time, and a communication from the Supreme Master Workman states that the case is one for the Grand Lodge to act upon instead of himself. Becker was some time ago suspended from the Reno lodge for non-payment of dues. He is a saloon-keeper and brewer, but joined the Order before there was any provision that prevented liquor dealers from joining the Order. After the requisite length of time Becker again sought to become a member of the Order, but Grand Medical Examiner Leavitt decided that his occupation barred him; and Grand Master Lagraves hold the same opinion. The case was presented to the Supreme Master Workman and he says the Grand Lodge must act upon it first."

—Phillip Brooks once said: "We are our best when we try to be it not for ourselves alone, but for our brethren; and we take God's gifts most completely when we realize that he sends them to us for the benefit of other men, who stand beyond us, needing them."

—Duty is a power which rises with us in the morning and goes to rest with us at night. It is coextensive with the action of our intelligence. It is the shadow which cleaves to us, go where we will, and which only leaves us when we leave the light of life.—Gladstone.

—The growth of the A. O. U. W. in Kansas, Iowa, Massachusetts, Illinois, and other jurisdictions, is all owing to the interest taken in the fraternal work by the officers of the Grand Lodges and the subordinate lodges, and the salaried Deputies kept in the employ of the Grand Lodge, visiting and reviving old lodges and organizing new lodges.

—Any suspended member may be reinstated in his lodge within six months by paying all arrearages of dues and assessments; provided, after three months, he must be examined by the Medical Examiner, and approved by the Grand Medical Examiner, obtain consent of his lodge to his reinstatement by a majority vote. Age has nothing to do with reinstatement—21 or 60 is all the same. But after the lapse of six months, the beneficiary certificate becomes annulled, and then reinstatement cannot take place after the age of 45 years.

—We had the pleasure of a call last month from Grand Master Workman Colvig of Oregon, who evidenced his interest in the Order by visiting lodges whenever possible. His words at Pacific and Ivy lodges were of interest and information, and we shall remember with pleasure his expressions upon matters now before the fraternity.

—The "A. O. U. W. Messenger" of Nashville, Tenn., has commenced its fifth year. It is a bright deserving journal, and we are often indebted to it for crisp, pithy paragraphs. Brother Fisk, its editor, makes it of great value to his jurisdiction.

—The "Overseer" of St. Louis is a welcome visitor. It is appreciated by the brethren of Missouri. We see that this jurisdiction has again elected its competent G. M. W., the energetic and able Wm. H. Miller, and also re-elected Grand Recorder Bohn. With two such experienced officials, Workmanship in Missouri is bound to go forward successfully.

—Valley Lodge, No. 30, will celebrate its 18th anniversary on the 29th of this month. It does not seem so long since some of us met in Cambrian Hall on Mission street, and yet the life of Valley Lodge has witnessed the growth of this great Order. Workmen were few and far between when No. 30 was instituted, and for a long time it held its position as the largest lodge in the world. Walter Lyon, Henry Hoeber, Dan McLeod, and others whom we could name, were very active in the planting of this lodge. They have been "called on," and also many other good brethren, yet Valley still has a sterling membership. Both of our Congressmen, E. R. Loud and James Maguire, are among its members, and many well-known citizens are on its rolls. It has been a practical power for good in the community, and poured out its fraternal benevolence with an open hand.

—Deputy Salter of Eureka installed the officers of Concordia Lodge, No. 229, at Arcata. The ceremonies were public, and about 150 people were present, including a delegation from the Eureka lodges. Addresses were made by Deputy Salter and Brothers Wilson, Pine, Goetz, Murphy and Lawler of Eureka, and at the conclusion of the ceremonies the programme, prepared especially for the occasion, was rendered: Address, Rev. S. M. Dodge; piano solo, Miss Ida Smith; vocal solo, Miss Maggie Todd, piano duett, Miss Ida Smith and Hazel Wiley; address, Rev. J. S. Todd. Refreshments were served during the evening, and all present pronounced the occasion a most enjoyable one.

—Three matters that California advocates: The restoring of the age limit to the original figure, over 21 and under 50 years; the \$1,000 certificate, and the providing that a member whose beneficiary dies, and who cannot comply with the "blood relative, kin or person dependent" law, can so nominate a beneficiary that he (the said member) may be provided for in his old age.

—Two matters California has serious doubts about: Graded Assessments and a Reserve Fund.

—The Lakeport brethren, with their families, had a pleasant reunion and entertainment March 24th.

—The Oakdale A. O. U. W. will hold their usual Mayday festivities.

—Alta Lodge, 24th and Folsom streets, is doing good work.

—The A. O. U. W. and Degree of Honor at Forest are wide awake. They recently gave a union entertainment and ball, which was well attended, and resulted most successfully.

—Many brothers write: "Please send my paper now to _____" but never say where the paper formerly went, or what lodge they belong to. The paper is mailed to new address; not knowing where it formerly went, without going through the whole list, it also goes to old address. In this way it requires many duplicates. Again, we earnestly request all those desiring changes, to notify their own officers, and said officers to notify the Grand Recorder on the blanks prepared for such purpose that the change may be correctly made.

We often receive a letter: "Brother _____ has never received your paper. He was initiated two or three months ago," etc., etc. The reason is, we have never received notice, nor has the blank furnished for such cases ever been forwarded. The WATCHMAN is sent, and will be sent, promptly to addresses as given to it, and if it is not received by every one, notify at once, because there is an error somewhere. Do not wait a day.

Special to Lodges.

During the past year a number of lodges desiring to notify their members of some special business or occasion, instead of going to the expense of printing, postage, etc., have done so by putting said notice in the WATCHMAN. This journal is regularly mailed on or before the 3d of each month to every member, and should reach the most distant points in this State by the 7th at latest. Consequently it can be used to advantage by lodges desiring to call the attention of their members to special events. No charge, whatever, has been, or will be, made for such notices. It is our desire to make the WATCHMAN of practical benefit to all; and there is no necessity for a lodge to print any notice to their individual members, which can just as well appear in the WATCHMAN, free of cost to them, and reach every member. The paper goes to press on the 28th of the month, consequently all matter must be received by the 25th, at latest.

San Francisco Lodge Meetings.

MONDAYS—Bernal Lodge, No. 19, 16th and Valencia St.; Magnolia, No. 41, Red Men's Hall, Post St.; Washington, No. 60, Alcazar; Memorial, No. 174, 32 O'Farrell St.

TUESDAYS—Unity, No. 27, Odd Fellows' Hall; Olympic, No. 127, 102 O'Farrell St.; Triumph, No. 180, Odd Fellows' Hall; Noe Valley, No. 185, 24th and Church Sts.; Alta, No. 242, Folsom and 24th Sts.; Fairmount, No. 247, Fairmount Hall, Precita Ave., near Mission St.

WEDNESDAYS—San Francisco, No. 4, Red Men's Hall, 320 Post St.; Valley, No. 30, 32 O'Farrell St.; Excelsior, No. 126, 2319 Mission St.; Fidelity, No. 136, 320 Post St.; Friendship, No. 179 (2d and 4th Wednesdays) 32 O'Farrell St.

THURSDAYS—Golden Gate, No. 8, 32 O'Farrell St.; Burns, No. 68, Alcazar; St. John, No. 73, Alcazar; Eureka Valley, No. 252, 17th and Noe Sts.

FRIDAYS—Yerba Buena, No. 14, Alcazar; Franklin, No. 44, 32 O'Farrell St.; Hercules, No. 53, Franklin Hall, Fillmore St.; Bay View, No. 159, 15th St. and R. R. Ave.

SATURDAYS—Harmony, No. 9, Alcazar; Spartan, No. 36, Alcazar; Myrtle, No. 42 (except 2d Saturday), Alcazar; Golden West, No. 264, Potrero Opera House.

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I, the undersigned, over the age of 18 years, and under 50 years of age, provided the
total number of Beneficiary Members of said Degree of Honor reaches the number of five
hundred by May 1st, 1896, or previous to said date, agree to apply for admission as a
Beneficiary Member, and for a Beneficiary Certificate in said Order.

Name _____
P. O. Address _____

If a lady, state whether wife, sister or daughter of a member, and to what lodge he
belongs.
If a gentleman, give No. of lodge.

Successful Meeting at Vallejo.

Vallejo Lodge, No. 75, had a very successful meeting in their elegant lodge hall on Friday evening, March 13th. Invitations had been extended to as many of the Grand Lodge Officers as could make it convenient to attend and assist in the proceedings; Grand Recorder Hirshberg being East on Supreme Lodge business, Grand Receiver Booth was the only one who put in an appearance. An invitation was also extended to the lodges at Napa, Vacaville, Suisun and Benicia to be present, and it speaks volumes for the fraternal feeling existing among these lodges that Napa responded with a delegation of 16, who drove through a cold night 17 miles to attend the meeting. The brethren of Benicia Lodge, also, to the number of 7, came over for the same purpose. The principal business of the lodge was the initiation of a candidate—the first to come in under the new ritual, and the ceremony was very creditably performed by Brother Frazier, the Master of the lodge. Under the head of good of the Order, Grand Receiver Booth addressed the meeting in a ten minutes' speech of congratulation and encouragement, supplementing his remarks with a number of A. O. U. W. and other songs. Short speeches were also made by Brothers Campbell, Hathaway, Barr and Brown of the home lodge, Brothers Hayman, Gridley, King, Dr. Horn, Brown and Cahill of Napa, and Brothers Miller, Mason, and others, of Benicia. At the close of the meeting the members of the lodge and their guests marched over to the Bernard House, where a most toothsome and generous banquet had been spread for their delectation. Ample justice having been done to the viands, was followed by "the feast of reason and the flow of soul," and short speeches, songs and stories were again in order, Brother Campbell acting as toastmaster, and the musical numbers being furnished by Brothers Booth and Gridley. "The wee sma' hour ayant the twal" had unconsciously crept on in the enjoyment of the good time, and to the exclusion of thoughts of the long cold journey which many of the brethren had before them, when the company finally linked hands, and with a verse of "Auld Lang Syne," by way of benediction, brought the happy meeting to a close.

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A Grand Investment.

The "Grass Valley Tidings" says: "The widows of Gilman Wright and Perley Brown have each been paid the sum of \$2,000 by the A. O. U. W., this being the insurance upon the lives of these lately deceased members of the Order."

They had been members of the Order for a number of years, but each had paid in assessments to the Beneficiary Fund only \$375 or thereabout. This prompt payment of the widows is very commendable in the Workmen."

And yet men prate about "high assessments," "heavy cost," etc., when the fact is that from the time California was set apart as an independent jurisdiction in July, 1878, up to December, 1895, there had only been levied 331 assessments of \$1 each, and there is not an old lodge but what has paid from its treasury a number of these, so that it is very doubtful if there is a member in California, even if he was one of the first, who has paid \$375 for assessments, and very many who have been called from earth had not paid one-quarter of this amount. There have been 3,201 deaths in California for which \$6,402,000 have been promptly paid. It behooves thinking men who love their families to ask themselves where on this earth they could make such a sure, safe and certain investment for the benefit of their families as in the A. O. U. W. It is no new fangled irresponsible something, promising to do a great deal for nothing, but it is the oldest, strongest and most reliable co-operative fraternity in the world.—Ed. P. S. W.]

Of Interest to Fraternal Orders.

The attachment of the insurance money upon the life of the late William Eppenheimer, while still in the hands of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., has raised a question that will profoundly interest members of every fraternal organization. As a general rule of law, life insurance or beneficiary money cannot be touched by creditors, but this case presents a new feature. The circumstances are these: In his lifetime, Eppenheimer and his wife borrowed a certain amount of money from the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, for which they gave a promissory note. Payment being neglected, suit was brought and judgment obtained. To satisfy the judgment, Sheriff Holbrook seized and sold a piano. The sale realized only a small portion of the note, and a deficiency

judgment was docketed against the widow, Eppenheimer, in the meantime, having died. The judgment being against the widow, the bank attached the money due her from the Grand Lodge, and it is still held by the Grand Recorder. Undoubtedly the bank's position is correct in a legal sense, but it is a serious question whether any fraternal order can allow beneficiary money to be attached while still under its control. The Grand Lodge must necessarily fight the case to the court of last resort, for if they are to furnish the means for the collection of creditors' claims the Order may as well disband. The A. O. U. W. is conducted upon the assessment system. No member objects to paying an assessment for the benefit of widows and children of deceased brethren. But all seriously object to contributing money for the payment of creditors. The money is still held by the Grand Lodge, and the outcome of the case will be awaited with interest—Hollister Advance.

[In regard to the above, the only comment that the WATCHMAN will make at this time is upon the expression of the "Advance;" "But all seriously object to contributing money for the payment of creditors." The courts have over and over decided that beneficiary moneys cannot be taken for debts of the member, and that, consequently, no matter how much a member might owe when he died, not a penny of his beneficiary money could be taken to pay any debt of his, but the money must be paid to the beneficiary named. The laws of the A. O. U. W. also require that it shall be paid to the beneficiary, so there can be no possibility of "contributing money for the payment of creditors," so far as the member is concerned.

The debts of the beneficiary are another matter which we do not propose to discuss, merely remarking that said beneficiary holds what is now a legal fraternal obligation from the A. O. U. W. to pay \$2,000 to her, and that until it is so paid to her, said money is never in her possession, nor has the A. O. U. W. discharged its bounden obligation. We do not know what courts and lawyers may decide about this, but we know what the fraternal law requires, and that is, it must have the receipt of the beneficiary named in the certificate, or it should never pay the money, unless it desires to pay the same claim twice.—Ed. P. S. W.]

Fraternal Law in Oregon.

The following telegram to the daily papers contains a whole sermon, with an application:

ASTORIA (Or.), March 15th.—F. D. Winton, one of the leading attorneys of this city, was expelled from Seaside Lodge, No. 12, A. O. U. W., last evening on a charge of fraudulently obtaining money. The utmost secrecy is maintained by the members of the Order. From what can be learned it appears that Winton charged Mrs. F. Feakes of this city \$550 for collecting a policy of \$2,000 from the Order.

Mrs. Feakes' child was run over and killed by an electric car in San Francisco some time ago. Her husband was a member of the A. O. U. W., and held a \$2,000 policy. After the death of his child in San Francisco he became despondent. He went home one night, and while his wife was in bed drew a revolver and shot her three times. He then turned the weapon upon himself and sent a bullet through his brain. Mrs. Feakes hovered between life and death for several weeks and finally recovered.

In endeavoring to collect her husband's policy from the Order she consulted Lawyer Winton, who agreed to attend to the matter. The money was duly collected and (minus \$550 attorney's fees) turned over to Mrs. Feakes. The facts leaked out and Winton was summoned before the Workmen. He made an excellent defense, it is said, the presentation covering several hundred type-written pages. The complaint against him set forth that he had no right to charge the woman \$550 for collecting the policy; that no attorney was needed for such matters, and that his action was in conflict with the rules governing membership.

It is said he will take an appeal to the Supreme Lodge. The affair has caused a decided sensation here.

A Touching Incident.

On March 8th, in the hall of Noe Valley Lodge, No. 168, of this city, were two caskets containing the mortal remains of two members of the lodge, H. MULLER and J. W. GROVES. These two brethren were admitted to No. 186, about the same time, lived within a block of each other; one died a natural death, the other was accidentally killed by the falling of a spar upon him; both deaths occurred the same day, and with kindly hands they were both laid to rest in the same cemetery.

What an Observing Man Says.

There is so much information, truth and common sense in the following letter in the Antioch "Ledger," that we gladly copy it to give it an extensive perusal. Read it, and save it to read again:

EDITOR LEDGER:—Among the numerous society orders combining protection with fraternity existing in this country to-day there is one, which, although standing in the front ranks of the many, as regards age, stability and successful management, is so quietly conducted by the thousands of its devoted members, that few outside the portals of the Order realize what a powerful Order it is and what a stupendous work it has already accomplished.

Believing that a few items in relation to this society, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, may be of interest to your readers and feeling that too much cannot be said in its praise, I ask space for the presentation of some facts regarding it.

The Order was founded in 1868 in the town of Meadville, Pa., by a man named John Jordan Upchurch, who little dreamed at that time of the wonderful results that would be attained from so small a beginning. From year to year it has increased in membership until to-day there are more than 350,000 Workmen.

In the few years of its existence it has paid to widows and orphans of deceased Workmen over \$66,000,000. It never contests a legal claim, nor has it any of those exceptions which are to be found in the policies of the old line life insurance companies (providing if death occur in some other manner than that allowed under their policies then is the contract void).

The only requirements of the Workmen being that the assessment levied monthly by the Grand Lodge be promptly paid when due. The Order is established all over the United States and Canada and has a membership of over 16,000 in California.

The cost is about \$2.50 per month for a protection of \$2,000. Qualifications for membership: White male, good bodily health, not over 45 years of age nor under 21, of good moral character, and belief in a Supreme Being. The men who join this Order are of the best citizens necessarily, because the incentive to join the Workmen is pure—no hope of personal gain or profit, but for the holiest purposes, the protection of our loved ones when we shall have joined the silent majority.

The "Good Book says "he who provideth not for his own is worse than an infidel." This Order provides an opportunity for the poor man who cannot perhaps accumulate a competency to leave behind, but who can by a trifling outlay monthly be assured that his family will not be left in want should he be taken from them.

We have had several instances in our own little town where the provision made by the Workmen husband and father was a blessed help. We ought to have more husbands and fathers avail themselves of the privilege to become Workmen.

The door of the lodge is open to all good men and true, and we invite them to join in the good work.

H. F. BEEDE.

—"How is it the Massachusetts jurisdiction goes ahead so?" is oft enquired. In last month's WATCHMAN we gave some of its methods. It reported February 1st, 1866, 45,255 members. Here are the appropriations suggested by the Finance Committee for ensuing year: Grand Master Workman, \$1,000.00; Traveling Expenses of Grand Officers, \$2,500.00; Instruction, \$5,000.00; Deputies and District Deputies, \$4,500.00; Finance Committee, \$1,000.00; Law Committee and Counsel, \$700.00; Executive Committee, \$300.00; incidentals, \$1,000.00; Printing, Supplies and Literature, \$6,000.00—or \$22,000 outside of salaries, S. L. per capita tax, etc. The other expenses are: Grand Recorder, \$3,500.00; clerical assistance, \$5,000.00; expense of G. L. office (they own the building, and there is an appropriation of \$1,270.00, for taxes, insurance, water, gas, etc.), \$3,000.00; total for G. R. office, \$11,000.00. In addition to these are, \$3,602.08 for S. L. per capita and \$7,000.00 for its annual session. Total, \$45,972.08. Now its per capita, even with its great membership, is a little over \$1, but they spent their money freely when they had many thousands less members; and money, talent, energy and liberality, combined with ability and good business judgment, has produced this wonderful result in a few years.

—The Order in Tucson, Arizona, intend building a magnificent hall of their own.

—A Grand Lodge of the Degree of Honor was instituted at Salt Lake City, Utah, last month.

Wm. H. Jordan, P. S. M. W., at Pacific.

On Thursday evening Bro. Past Supreme Master Workman W. H. Jordan delivered a lecture on "The Land of the Incas" before the members of Pacific Lodge and their friends, who had assembled at the lodge room in Syndicate Hall, Oakland. The evening was anything but pleasant, and prevented many who would have been present from coming. Those who had braved the inclement weather were amply repaid for their trouble, as Brother Jordan's lecture was well worth going to hear. He spoke off-handed without notes or reference of any kind, and in his usual clear and concise way described the habits, achievements and final downfall of that wonderful people who inhabited the western shores of South America centuries ago. Brother Kempkey, Master Workman of Pacific Lodge, presented Brother Jordan and presided during the meeting.

Jubilee at Stockton.

The Workmen of Stockton Lodge, No. 23, gave a social last month, which proved one of the most enjoyable of the many fraternal entertainments given in that city. The attendance was unusually large, even for so well an attended lodge as No. 23, and the members who had the entertainment in hand spared no pains to make everything pleasant for their guests.

There was mirth and music, song and a flow of oratory of an entertaining nature, and then came a banquet of good things that satisfy the inner physical man as much as the entertainment had fed him mentally. The programme was as follows: Address, George Lissenden, P. M. W.; vocal duett, Misses May and Adah Williams; zither and mandolin duett, Messrs. Hayde and Verber; remarks, Brother Elliot; vocal solo, Miss Clara Leffler; recitation, Master Lester Clark; piano duett, Misses Thorpe; remarks, Mr. Loyd of Chico Lodge.

At the hour of midnight, or thereabouts, for everybody was satisfied to have the clocks a wee bit slow, the gathering broke up and "good-nights" were said. The Workmen can congratulate themselves over their most successful undertaking in a social way.

—The uniformed Drill Team of Pacific Lodge, No. 7, have accepted an invitation to confer the degree on several candidates of Unity Lodge, No. 27, in the presence of the Grand Lodge members on the evening of April 7th, at Odd Fellows' Hall.

The team has been out of practice for some time waiting for the new ritual, and the invitation coming so late gives them very little time to practice; but they drill every Thursday night, and on Monday and Tuesday evenings, through the courtesy of Oak Leaf and Keystone Lodges, they put in a little time in going through the work, so that they expect to do themselves credit, though they would like to have more time to perfect themselves.

—We take this occasion to thank the sisters and brothers of the Order who have by their communications and items of news, added so much to the interest of the WATCHMAN during the year. We wish many more would follow their example. For the many kindly personal letters of appreciation, and for the good words spoken in public and in private, of our efforts to make this journal of practical benefit to the cause, all may rest assured they are fully appreciated. To give information to the Order and the public, to encourage the faithful workers, to stimulate all to effort in the grand mission of this Order, and to practically benefit humanity by the increase of this fraternity, is the aim and object of our labors in this position.

—Grand Foreman William Vinter made a visit to the city recently. This energetic worker was with the District meeting at Excelsior, and spoke earnest words of encouragement and counsel. He is deeply impressed with the imperative necessity of untiring work in the future, and his constant effort now is to impress the representatives with the importance of selecting officials who will devote the necessary time and labor to the placing of Workmanship in California on the high plane it formerly occupied.

—An interesting account of the open meeting of Placer Lodge, No. 95, is received from Brother Kellogg as we go to press. It is good and will keep until next month.

Situation Wanted.

Able and willing to do any light work. Address CHARLES ANDERSON, Wheatland, California.

Mary Anderson Declines Princely Offers.

Offers, princely in their nature, are repeatedly being made to Mary Anderson de Navarro to return to the stage, writes Edward W. Bok in March "Ladies Home Journal," but she turns a deaf ear to them all. Only the past summer overtures came to her from an American manager which insured a big fortune if she would consent to return to the stage for a brief period. There were six figures in the amount stipulated, and the first figure was equal to the total number of numerals in the whole amount. But it had no effect upon her. She turned away from it easily and without an effort. "No," she said, "I am through with the stage." And that was all.

29th Exposition of the Mechanics' Institute.

The Mechanics' Institute announces that its Twenty-ninth Industrial Exposition will open to the public from Tuesday, September 1st, to Saturday, October 3d, 1896, inclusive. The feature of the forthcoming Fair will be an Exposition of the Industries of California, to which end the efforts of the managers will be specially directed.

The Mechanics' Institute is and always has been the earnest exponent of "Home Industry," and the experience of the past will be joined to the energy and enterprise of the present in making this feature the controlling and predominating one in the Twenty-ninth Exposition.

Although recent Industrial Expositions have adopted rules which entail directly or indirectly heavy expenses on exhibitors by charging for space, power, etc., the Mechanics' Institute sees no reason why it should deviate from its past practice of allowing exhibitors to enter and maintain acceptable exhibits free of charge, and the Board of Trustees of the Mechanics' Institute announce that as heretofore there will be no charge for space, power, water, or general lighting, and that all exhibitors will be placed in this respect on the same plane.

—Brethren will confer a great favor if, when they do not receive THE WATCHMAN by the 8th of the month, they will notify us. Give the No. of your lodge and correct address. It is our earnest desire that every subscriber should receive his paper promptly. Every month we are notified by Postmasters that "party has moved," or "address should be changed to—" of which neither the Financier of the lodge or any one else has any record, and then after two or three months a note will be received, "No WATCHMAN."

—Many letters have been received in reference to subjects now prominent in the Order at home and in the National Jurisdiction. We have endeavored to sum them up under the head "Matters to be Considered."

—F. Tennyson Neely of 114 5th Avenue, N. Y. City, is one of those publishers who is always bringing out something that thinking and appreciative people are glad to read. Recently he published the first part of Ethan Allen's Drama of the Revolution, in which talent, history, patriotism and interest are decidedly prominent. The second part and conclusion is now ready. Send \$1.00 to the publisher for the two volumes in paper, or \$3.00 in cloth.

—Do you read the "Arena," that journal of advanced thought? that medium of the thinkers of the age? If not, get one from your book-seller, and enjoy a treat.

—Many brothers and sisters visit this city during the year. A good, comfortable and moderately-priced hotel is what they wish. Past Master ED. HOLLAND of the COMMERCIAL HOTEL, Montgomery Street, keep such a hotel.

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FATHER UPCHURCH's "Life and Travels," as written by himself, contains much valuable information of the early history of the A. O. U. W., which should be in the possession of every Workman. Price reduced to 75 cents, postpaid; gilt-edged, \$1.00; gilt and morocco, \$1.50. For sale by the Grand Recorder. Also by A. T. DEWEY, Publisher, 220 Market St., S. F.

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Land Bargains.

The 480-acre improved, irrigated farm near Tulare, lately advertised in this paper, is offered at a great bargain even for those times. It is a very desirable home farm and will be sold for one-half its real value, if spoken for soon. Address A. T. DEWEY, S. F. Several other tracts of artesian belt lands offered at remarkably low prices.

Clark's Pacific Hospital.

Announced in our business columns, was established and long and popularly conducted by Dr. Asa Clark, the present able Superintendent of the State Insane Asylum, at Stockton. Clark's Hospital is still thoroughly well conducted in care of Drs. Fred and George Clark, sons of Dr. Asa Clark, and is a real boon to the afflicted who need a private, home-like infirmary for nervous mental ills.

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